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What Does the Bible Say about Christians and Politics

Satan is the master of deception. He is crafty, wily. This is actually the first thing spoken about him in scripture. "Now the serpent was more crafty (arowm) than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made" (Genesis 3:1.) Based on the Law of First Mention, that makes this truth the most important thing God wants us to know about satan. Arowm means "shrewd, wily, cunning, crafty, or sly," usually in a bad sense. Its root word, aram, means to be "slick, bare, or smooth." We still use the concept today when we say of one who is shrewdly deceitful, they are "slick," or "a smooth operator." Satan is much more dangerous to us as the wily serpent than he is as the roaring lion.

Satan is crafty, a master deceiver and distorter of truth. He is the father of lies. This is how he rules. Though not the subject of this teaching, the concept of ekklesia is a prime example. The devil's strategy centuries ago was to influence King James to translate this word as "church" and define it as a building or worship service. King James did not like the true meaning of ekklesia due to its governmental concept. Because this demonic deception worked, for centuries the body of Christ was blinded to the fact that we are God's legislative, governing body on earth, not just Christ's bride. In this context, satan did not overpower us; he deceived us and thereby gained influence.

Another area where satan has used his crafty, deceptive abilities, and the subject I want to discuss in the next couple of posts, is in the area of government and politics. My desire is to instruct, enlighten, strengthen good information and understanding, correct some wrong paradigms, and arm you with truth as you speak to others.

The title, Lord, which certainly refers to God's rule or government, is used 7946 times in Scripture. The first chapter of the Bible mentions the Lord delegating His governmental authority over the earth to human beings...right next to the family mandate, "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:26-28). That is placing it at a pretty high level of importance! When He gave Adam dominion, the word in Hebrew is mashal, which means government or management. God told Adam, "You will govern, manage, or rule the earth for me." Actually, the entire Bible is about who is going to rule the earth. And yet, the subject is taboo to most Christian leaders. This is almost shocking.

One pastor I know, during the 2020 election controversy, told his congregation, "We are not going to get involved in this one way or the other." And that included, by the way, praying regarding the election process.

While conversing several years ago with another influential pastor of a large, charismatic church, I asked him if he taught his congregation about the necessity of voting based on biblical ideals and principles. His response to me was, "Why would I defile what God is doing in our church by discussing something as evil as politics?"

Both of these sincere men are pro-life, pro-biblical marriage (between one man and one woman), and would vehemently oppose the movement to teach kindergartners that they can choose to be a gender other than what God made them. These, of course, are all biblical issues, critical to the moral fabric of individuals and nations. And to a great extent, they are determined through government legislation, yet these leaders felt the church was no place to discuss them, make a stand, or even pray regarding them.

By saying we will not discuss government and moral issues in a church service, is this not the equivalent of saying some parts of the Bible are off-limits in our services? By refusing to pray for elections, asking God to give us righteous leaders and refusing to speak about these issues, are we not separating ourselves from part of who God is? He IS government! (Isaiah 33:22) (I will talk more about this subject tomorrow.)

The following developments have taken place thus far under the Biden administration:

- They have created the worst border situation in our history. Millions of undocumented people are flowing into our nation; people are being trafficked by the hundreds, if not thousands; hundreds of children are coming into our nation without parents; terrorists are no doubt entering; and the drug problem is at an unprecedented level.
- Our reckless withdrawal from Afghanistan has resulted in one of the worst debacles in our history. We left hundreds, if not thousands, of people behind to be slaughtered by the Taliban, wasted 20 years of effort, gave \$70-\$80 billion worth of weapons to the Taliban, and allowed them to re-establish a stronghold for terrorism.
- We were energy independent, but now are dependent on our enemies for oil. Gas
 prices are skyrocketing and there is no end in sight. By buying their oil, we are arming
 our enemies with billions of dollars to use against us. None of this makes any sense
 whatsoever.
- The authoritarian COVID-19 mandates have been ridiculous beyond comprehension.
 They have destroyed lives, livelihoods, and people's health, including the cognitive development of our children.
- Crime has surged, and murder rates are off the charts. Our government's politics against police agencies have compounded this significantly.

- We now have record inflation. Many experts are saying we have not come close to where this will ultimately end. Frankly, their spending is out of control by trillions of dollars, and our economy is hanging by a thread.
- They have declared war on parents, who do not want their children taught transgenderism, a new and revised history of America, and woke-ism. The Biden administration threatened these parents and called them terrorists. (1)

I point out these things not to attack President Biden. I point them out to emphasize the importance of government. It is not peripheral; it is not extra-biblical. It is critical, and it is spiritual. We, the church must shift in our thinking.

Here are some readily accepted concepts by many in the body of Christ regarding government, which I will address in tomorrow's post, and perhaps subsequent posts, as well:

- Politics and government are the same thing.
- Politics and government are corrupt, even evil, therefore we should stay away from them as much as possible.
- Politics and government are divisive. Since they are evil and divisive, politics and government have no place in the church or our Christian gatherings/services.
- Even if a Christian does become involved in politics/government, she or he should leave this out of church settings.
- It is illegal to talk about politics or government in church. A church could lose its taxexempt status by doing so.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that with these philosophies and beliefs, we will inevitably hand over control of much of the earth to unbelievers. At that point, our only hope for righteous laws and principles being legislated is that God will sovereignly overrule those who don't agree with Him. We sit back, hoping and praying that He will overthrow evil and give us righteous laws, in spite of our lack of involvement. He will not.

Let's fix this. Let's see what God says about government, and through the tools Holy Spirit has given us, turn this nation around!

Pray with me:

Father, You are doing much in this season of time to equip Your people. Obviously, this involves paradigm shifts in what we believe and in the way we approach portions of our lives. None of us are perfect in our theology and understanding of Your ways. We humbly acknowledge this and ask You to increase our knowledge and revelation.

Teach us Your ways regarding government. Show us how to involve You in our lives, families, cities, and nations through authority, through government. As we learn Your ways, the crafty serpent will not be able to take advantage of us. Many are so often destroyed through a lack of knowledge. Help us to correct this in the incredibly important area of government. We want righteous laws and statutes governing our lives and nation. We believe You can help us turn around this country and correct this horrible mess we have made. We ask You for this, and all of these things, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our decree:

We decree that revelation is coming to the body of Christ regarding her role in government.

April 27, 2022 - What Does God Say about Christians and Politics (part 2) https://www.givehim15.com/post/april-27-2022

I was disheartened one day when I heard Holy Spirit clearly tell me He was going to teach me about government. This was a time in my life that I still had a distaste for government and knew very little about it. I could not have cared less about the process. My first thought was, "How boring! What have I done to deserve this punishment?"

God's next statement set me on my heels, "Because I AM government," He said. He then quoted Isaiah 33:22 to me, "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us." I was so glad I didn't tell God what I was thinking - in my mind I had just called Him boring!!!

Though I'm about to share some theology and Hebrew words - it is a benefit to pastors and teachers who read the posts - don't get bogged down in the theology and details. That part won't take long. Here is where I'm headed with it: God IS government, He DELEGATES a portion of His government, and satan wants to USURP His government!

Notice, the verse Holy Spirit quoted to me (Isaiah 33:22) does not say God simply "endorses" laws, judges and kings (i.e. government); it says He IS these things. As I stated yesterday, the Bible uses the word "Lord" 7946 times, most of them referring to Yahweh. My dictionary said "Lord" means "a person who has authority, control, or power over others; a master, chief, or ruler." In other words, it includes government. This means that almost 8000 times the Bible refers to God as our governmental Head! The entirety of Scripture is about government!

Think about it: one of the primary themes of the Bible is, "Who will rule the earth?" In the first chapter God gets right to the point: "I want family, and My family will 'rule' the earth (their home) for Me (Genesis 1:26-28). They will be the extension and expression of My

Kingdom's government there. This is how I will release My influence, My righteous Kingdom ideals and ways, into the earth." That is true, and it is profound.

The Hebrew word for "dominion" and "rule" in this Genesis passage makes clear that the Creator was delegating to Adam and Eve this responsibility. Radah means "to rule over, to govern." Psalm 8:3, referring to this passage in Genesis, uses another word, mashal, which also means "rule or govern." God would govern the earth through humans.

But satan wanted this dominion. He had attempted a coup in Heaven and failed. Banished to earth, his thinking now was, If I can't rule over God's entire Kingdom, I'll at least govern earth. And by chapter 3, he had succeeded in deceiving Adam and Eve, who rebelled from God's authority and government. Satan took their authority. Yahweh lost His family and they lost their governmental authority over the earth. Satan now had it.

Christ was sent to earth as the second Adam to reclaim both the family AND their governing authority. The story of the Bible is the clash of two kingdoms! From cover to cover God's Word is about family and government!

If I was satan, one of my most important strategies would be to alienate God's family, His representatives and ambassadors from government. I'd tell them it's bad, evil, unspiritual. Let 'em love God, be His "sheep," even His family. But 1) don't let them know they're His government here on earth (Christ's Ekklesia), and 2) keep them from involving themselves in any and all government. If I could succeed in this, God's conduit for releasing His authority on the earth would be rendered ineffective.

Throughout the Scriptures, we can see God's plan of ruling the earth through people. Consider Abraham, of whom it was said: "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:18-19). God determined to bless the entire earth through Abraham. To do so, however, He needed Abraham to command and teach His ways, releasing His justice and judgments into the earth.

God also released His authority, His government, through Moses, Joshua, then through prophets and Judges. He also did so through Kings. Yahweh's determined plan to release His authority through humans on earth was so consequential that at times entire nations were judged or blessed based on the actions of their government leaders. Think about it, entire groups of people were either cursed or blessed based on the actions of a government leader.

More suffering on earth has taken place because of the actions of government leaders than for any other reason. Millions of people have been killed and persecuted because of government leaders. Poverty has overtaken nations because of government leaders. Cultures and people groups have actually been eradicated because of the actions of government leaders. Sixty million babies in America have been murdered since 1973 because of the actions of government leaders.

And yet, the church embraces a belief that we who represent God's will and plans on earth should stay out of this arena! We avoid government. When we gather as the church we believe we shouldn't talk about it. The church feels we should say and do nothing to place into positions of authority those who know and honor God. This is ludicrous, and the ramifications are staggering. The thief, who came to steal, kill and destroy, is left in charge.

We in America have been blessed with one of the greatest privileges in the history of nations: choosing our own government. Yet with this comes incredible responsibility. To forfeit this blessing is more than a waste; it is shirking our God-given responsibility of governing the earth for Him. When the right people are leading our nation, America becomes the greatest force for peace, safety and provision in all the world! We were one of the keys to saving the earth in its two world wars. We were the force that stopped communism around the world. We have become the leading force in health and medicine.

God, and the world, must have a strong America. In order for there to be a strong America, however, there must be a strong and righteous government. The church must be freed from the deception causing us to withdraw from this process, and become involved at every level of government. We must.

Pray with me:

Father, our prayer today is that You teach us Your ways. We must understand Your plans and intentions for us, and for the earth. Ignorance causes us to forfeit so much. May the spirit of wisdom and revelation be taken to a higher level in the church. Teach us how to truly function as Christ's Ekklesia. Teach we Americans, especially the American church, how to steward the incredible privilege of choosing our own government. Forgive us for relinquishing this right and thereby allowing evil to rule over us.

Continue to help us see our government transformed into a God-honoring, life-honoring, Bible-honoring government once again. We have allowed evil into our government, but in Your mercy give us a quick turnaround. May the elections in November remove many who oppose Your ways and see them replaced with those who honor You. Thank You for

the awakening that is occurring in our nation. Let this awakening be both spiritual and civil, we pray. And we ask these things in Christ's name. Amen.

Our decree:

We decree that the greatest shift that has ever occurred in an American election will take place this November.

April 28, 2022 - What Does the Bible Say about Christians and Politics (part 3) https://www.givehim15.com/post/april-28-2022

When God said to me, "I am going to teach you about government, because I AM government," it was quite a shock. Like many people, I had a great distaste for politics and government. He then quoted Isaiah 33:22 to me, "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us."

Notice, the verse Holy Spirit quoted to me - Isaiah 33:22 - does not say God "endorses" laws, judges, and kings (i.e. government); it says He IS these things. Since God is our Lawgiver, Judge and King, these things, in and of themselves, cannot be bad. And most people are surprised to find out America's three branches of government are based on this verse in Isaiah: The Legislative Branch (Congress), the Judicial Branch (Supreme Court), and the Executive Branch (Presidency). Our government is patterned after heaven's!

When truly thought through, it isn't the concept of government that many of us dislike. We have government in our homes, businesses, churches - almost everywhere. The noun, "government" is defined as, "direction; control; management; rule." The verb form, "govern," means "to rule over by right of authority; to exercise a directing or restraining influence over; to guide; to have predominating influence." As can be easily seen by these definitions, the concept of government is essential and created by God. To be without it is to have anarchy and, ultimately, untethered rebellion.

What most of us dislike about government is actually the defilement and perversion of the function released through people and systems. This dislike is understandable. Although God is governmental; He is NOT, however, political. And He disdains a political spirit, the spirit that crucified Jesus! A political spirit seeks to gain control of people and promote its own agenda through fear, manipulation, deception, corruption, craftiness, and unscrupulous activities. God hates these things and so should we.

If we could get all Christians to differentiate between government (the function), politics (the process of attaining government), and a political spirit (the perversion of the process for gain and control) it would change America. The church would have no qualms about becoming involved in government, and no hesitation in talking about it in our gatherings and circles. We would understand that we can promote righteous government without promoting political parties or being political in our services.

God certainly is not a Republican or Democrat, and we should never blindly support a candidate or cause just because of party affiliation. He does, however, care who rules. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn," (Proverbs 29:2; KJV). The Passion Translation of this verse says, "Everyone rejoices when the lovers of God flourish, but the people groan when the wicked rise to power." To stay out of government simply because some of it is bad, is as foolish as not governing our homes simply because some parents abuse and control their children.

Since God does care who rules as His Word clearly states, how can it possibly be wrong for the church to influence the process? How can it possibly be inappropriate for the body of Christ to try and promote righteous individuals for positions of authority? How could it possibly be wrong to encourage church members to support righteous leaders and causes? How can we truly be salt and light without doing this? And how could it possibly be inappropriate to pray about these things when we gather as the church? To neglect these things is to fall prey to one of the greatest deceptions satan has ever visited on the church.

Kermit Bridges of Southwestern A.G. University says:

"In commanding us to be "salt" and "light" in the world, Jesus is encouraging us to influence our culture rather than isolate ourselves from our culture. Some well-intentioned believers feel any efforts to exert pressure on the behavior of non-Christians is wrong.

"Anything beyond evangelism is off-limits. As a result, Christians should definitely not engage in politics. This thinking is characterized by the false assumption: 'I personally believe in such and such, but I can't impose my morality on others.'

"Every time a legislature enacts legislation, it is always an imposition of morality."

"Laws against thievery impose the morality of the honest over the dishonest. Laws against prostitution impose a sexual morality. Declaring anything legal or illegal is a statement of morality. Legislation is built upon morality, and morality is built upon religion.

"Founding Father, John Adams, our second president, declared: "[Our government is not] 'capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'

"Even our most irreligious Founding Fathers, Franklin and Jefferson, championed the need for a virtuous and moral people influenced by faith."

"Listen to the counsel of the late Chuck Colson:

"The popular notion that "you can't legislate morality" is a myth. Morality is legislated every day from the vantage point of one value system being chosen over another. The question is not whether we will legislate morality, but whose morality gets legislated.."(1)

David Closson of the Family Research Council explains that believers must involve themselves in the process of government as a matter of responsibility and stewardship: "Because power resides with the people in our republic, when Christians vote, they are delegating their ruling authority to others. In other words, by voting, Christians are entrusting their 'sword-bearing' responsibility to officials who will govern on their behalf. Seen from this perspective, voting is a matter of stewardship; failure to vote is a failure to exercise God-given authority."

Closson goes on to say we demonstrate our Christian love for others by doing so: "Further, given the United States' far-reaching influence in the world, how can American Christians love the people of the nations well without having a vested interest in how our government approaches the issue of religious liberty and human rights worldwide? Will America's ambassadors be stalwart defenders of religious freedom overseas? Christians who support missionaries should care about the state of international religious freedom, an area of advocacy in which the U.S. exerts significant influence. Will abortion, under the euphemism of 'family planning,' be funded overseas by American taxpayers, or will U.S. foreign policy value the life of the unborn? Again, American believers, by exercising their right to vote, have a direct say in these matters.

"In light of these considerations, pastors should exhort their members to be involved in the political process and to vote. But voting is not enough. Pastors should also help educate and equip their members to think Biblically about moral issues, candidates, and party platforms."(2)

If we the church, are to become the voice God intends us to be, we need to shift our paradigms regarding government. We must see it as a God-created function, and accept our God-given calling to extend His influence through it.

Pray with me:

Father, Your Word tells us that when we are ignorant of the way satan thinks and operates, it enables him to take advantage of us (2 Corinthians 2:11). He is a master deceiver. But Your Word also tells us we have the mind of Christ. We ask for this to manifest in us through the spirit of revelation. We desperately need it in this season.

Show us Your ways regarding transforming nations. Awaken us to our responsibilities and privileges as citizens of a free nation. Break off of the church the hesitancy to involve herself in government activities and influence.

We ask You to remove ungodly and anti-Christian leaders from positions of government in our nation. Give us a president who is honest and will honor You and Your Word. Give us legislators who will do the same. And give us judges who respect our Constitution, and who fear and honor You more than anything else. We ask You to continue to shake things in our nation until the strongholds of humanism, secularism, and socialism are broken off of us.

We ask You for the awakening to increase and multiply. We ask for revival in our schools, millions of young people coming to You. We ask for those who allow the evils of human trafficking and drugs being brought into our nation at the border to be removed. This is evil - we ask You to stop it. We ask You to break the back of Roe versus Wade. We need an overhaul, please give us this transformative revival, and please do so quickly. We ask You for all of these things in the mighty name of Jesus, our great and merciful Savior. Amen.

Our decree:

We decree that the church will no longer be paralyzed by a fear of operating in a political spirit. The Ekklesia will arise and become the salt and light we are called to be.

- 1. https://www.sagu.edu/thoughthub/should-christians-participate-in-politics/
- 2. https://decisionmagazine.com/politics-how-involved-should-christians-be/

April 29, 2022 - What Does God Say about Christians and Politics (part 4)

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In the final post of this short series regarding government, I want to mention what is a confusing passage to many, Romans 13:1-5: "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake." (Romans 13:1-5; NASB)

This passage is often used to convince Christians they are not supposed to criticize people in government, that they must obey government unconditionally, and that everyone in a position of governmental authority was put in that position by God. That is not what the passage is saying.

Let's first look at the contention regarding everyone in government being placed there by God. This belief is built around the doctrine of God's sovereignty. He is sovereign, of course. The problem, however, comes from mis-defining what sovereignty means. It does not mean "to be in control of everything." (I shared a post [October 11, 2021] on this subject which you can see https://www.givehim15.com/post/october-11-2021

The word "sovereignty" means "all reign or authority." God is sovereign, or has all authority, but He is not responsible for evil. He certainly is not in favor of wicked people in government and did not place them there. To contend that God puts people like Hitler in their position of power for some unknown reason, is an insult to God's character.

God confirmed that He doesn't set up evil governments in Hosea 8:4, "They set up kings without my consent; they choose princes without my approval." This could not be clearer. Actually, God's judgment of wicked rulers and removal of them in scripture is overwhelmingly obvious. At times He raised up leaders to overthrow evil governments, such as Moses, Ehud, Jephthah, Samson and Deborah. Hebrews 11:32-34 says, "For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises... became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Obviously, not all who are in positions of government were placed there by God.

So what does this passage in Romans 13 mean? Paul was simply instructing believers in Rome to respect the institution God had raised up: government. When combining this passage with the remainder of Scripture, which we must always do, it becomes clear that our first responsibility is to obey God. When laws and commands of government contradict His laws, we do not obey them. Consider the following passage:

"When they had brought them (Peter and the apostles), they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'" (Acts 5:27-29; NASB)

David Howard, of Foxhole Ministry, states, "Christians are to follow what is lawful under God and to be subject to the authorities that God has established. When it comes to worldly institutions or governments, we submit so far as is lawful under God...God created the righteous concept of the institution of government and directed the people [under Moses] to create a representative government to honor God's laws and prevent disorder and anarchy. The caution is that Christians '...must (always) obey God rather than men.' Therefore, what is legal under man is not always lawful under God. Today, what is unlawful under God in America are abortion, gay marriage, political corruption, pornography, restricted prayer, and the display of the Ten Commandments. Nothing made legal by government, which is unlawful under God, should Christians condone, hide or fail to expose. We are not silent, apathetic, struck down or delayed in our representation of Christ as ambassadors to the world. This is our appointed time to be the light and salt that speaks the word of God into the world. We have no fellowship with darkness, but we shrewdly expose it. (Paraphrased from Ephesians 5:11) We expose it by putting on the full armor of God to be Christ's Ambassadors into the world so we may speak boldly, as we ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:10-20)" 1

History is filled with examples of this passage in Romans 13 being used inappropriately to silence good people, including Christians. Consider the following examples:

"In July 1933, during Hitler's first summer in power, a young German pastor named Joachim Hossenfelder preached a sermon in the towering Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin's most important church. He used the words of Romans 13 to remind worshippers of the importance of obedience to those in authority. The church was festooned with Nazi banners and ... flags, its pews packed with the Nazi Party faithful — including men in the brown shirts of the [Stormtroopers], the Nazis' paramilitary movement."

"Those upholding the Fugitive Slave Law in the 1840s and 1850s insisted that escaped slaves be returned to their masters, based on Romans 13.

- "Frederick Douglass, escaped slave and renowned orator during the Civil War once said, 'I appear this evening as a thief and a robber. I stole this head, these limbs, this body from my master, and ran off with them.'" Wow!
- "Beloved, I hope that as Christians we can all agree that the life of Jesus is one of freedom in Christ, not servitude to human powers. I hope we as Americans can agree that no particular iteration of our government is such a bearer of God's will that its actions cannot be questioned. When an official of *any* government uses Romans 13 in this way, they claim divine authority in a way that is incompatible with both our freedom in Christ and the proper functioning of democracy. When this interpretation goes unchallenged, human tragedy always follows." ²

Speak up, fellow believers, speak up.

Pray with me:

Father, our enemy will use anything possible to create passivity in the church, including our theology. We ask for You to bring understanding to us regarding any and every belief we have that creates passivity or complacency. Awaken the church to our high calling and privilege of partnering with You on earth, to accomplish good and stop evil.

Through our prayers, decrees, and voices, we stand against evil in our nation. We oppose that which would try to remove You from our America's government, education and public life. We bind the coordinated efforts of hell to bring down this nation. We ask You to continue shifting - and create an even greater shift - in our nation by continuing to expose ungodliness and impure motives. Arise, and see Your enemies scatter!

And we remember to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world. We continue to ask for an end to the bloodshed in Ukraine. We ask You to work this for the good of revival and righteousness. We ask You to end the evil reign of Putin and free the people of Russia from the oppression there. We pray for worldwide revival in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, South America, Central America, and every island of the sea. We ask all of this in Christ's name. Amen.

Our decree:

We decree that Jesus Christ is Lord over all other governments.

- 1. https://foxholeministry.com/index.php/blog/truth-blog/part-ii-romans-13-1-7-is-one-of-the-most-misunderstood-scriptures-2-2
- 2. https://roodscreen.org/why-we-as-christians-cannot-ignore-the-misuse-of-romans-13-ee7631d5b440