

Excerpts from
GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY IN TODAY'S POLITICAL CLIMATE
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Government vs Politics

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GOVERNMENT

- Government is the heart of the assignment God gave mankind in the beginning.
 - ✓ Take dominion – rule – in the earth.
 - ✓ Upon this Rock I will build My Ecclesia
- Government is in the character of God. It is a gift of God. It is a Kingdom assignment.
- God IS government. Isaiah 33:22
- Government is a something designed by God to bring order. It is His design to help people dwell on earth peaceably and to help them flourish.
- It is God's design that the governments of earth are enhanced, strengthened, and prosper within His Majesty. Isaiah 9:6-7
- Government serves – serves the good of people; to bless people as it exalts God and fulfills His purpose for mankind in the earth
- The first house of government was the family in Genesis. Government starts with God at the core of relationship with people.

POLITICS / POLITICAL SPIRIT

- Politics has to do with the achievement of power or control through negotiation, debate, coercion, or manipulation
- Politics is often an adversary of government rather than a process of government
- Politics is issue or agenda driven. It exalts a person or groups of people over the purpose of God for mankind
- Satan operates in a “political spirit”. He is agenda driven – to usurp the government of God and the dominion/rule God has given to us.
- Politics starts with the opinion of man at the core of an agenda. Opinions and agendas hide behind worldly, faceless systems that dwell in shadows.

Two Agendas Contending on Earth

Satan's Agenda – Isaiah 14:16-17

- **To make the earth tremble**

- **To shake kingdoms**
- **To make the world a wilderness**
- **To destroy cities**
- **To hold people captive**

Heaven's Agenda Through Christ – I Corinthians 15:24-26

- **To bring an end to the principalities of darkness – Satan's counterfeit "kingdom"**
- **To present the kingdoms of earth before the Throne of God - Revelation 11:15**
- **To put all enemies under His feet**
- **To overcome the last enemy – death**

Dismantle Current Demonic Strongholds

Five dominant strongholds at operation in the earth today – principalities under which demonic strategies are released

- **Lawlessness** – characterized by chaos, confusion, senselessness

- **Religious spirit** – attaches the bondage of unauthorized or self-authorized manmade rules to the blessings and commandments God has given to lead us to relationship, life and freedom
- **Antichrist spirit** – opposition to Christ, the purposes of God, including the fullness of promises to Israel
- **Witchcraft** – spiritual manipulation; use of spiritual (demonic) power for personal gain or demonic influence
- **Political spirit** – manipulation in pursuit of power; power mongering

How Shall We Pray?

Form Your Intercession From What You Know – Not From What You See

What we know:

- God's Word
- Prophetic words God has spoken
- The Nature and Ways of God; kind, good, favor, present-future
- The Majesty of God
- Christ's mission is our mission
- Christ has already pronounced judgment on Satan and the works of darkness. Righteousness will prevail.

What we see

- Circumstantial
- Temporary, passing – “It came to pass”
- The agenda of Satan on full display

Pray With Governmental Authority, Not Political Motivation

Start with the Promise and End with the Manifestation

Decree it and see it! Job 22:28