

The Government of God

The Government of God is determined solely by the laws of God, Divine, eternal laws, undrafted by human hand. Only God has determined right from wrong and so is the rightful supreme ruler of all His creation.

In the beginning, there were two beings called God, one of whom became God the Father, and one of whom, the Word, gave up his eternal spiritual form to become flesh, and die for us to pay the penalty of our sins, that we might join His eternal family. John 1:1-3,14, *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.'* Romans 8:14, *'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.'*

When Jesus Christ returns at last, the influence of Satan, who is the fallen angel Lucifer and *'the god of this world'* (2 Corinthians 4:4), will be removed by his imprisonment, and the government of God will be restored here on the earth, with Jesus Christ as King of Kings, Revelation 17:14, *'These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.'*

The Government of God will be hierarchical, with God the Father in supreme command, 1 Corinthians 11:3, *'But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.'* It is to be then, a theocracy, with God in the form of a family, ruling over all humanity.

King David of Ancient Israel, a resurrected Saint, will be King over the 12 tribes of Israel, Ezekiel 37:24, *'And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.'*

The 12 apostles will each reign over one tribe, Matthew 19:28, *'And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That you who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'* The other resurrected Saints, the Bride of Christ, will rule over villages, cities or regions, as they have qualified, Matthew 25:14-30, the parable of the talents, Luke 19:11-27, the parable of the pounds, and Revelation 22:12, *'And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.'*

The various patriarchs and prophets will also be given special areas of responsibility and rule, according to their experience, special proven abilities and gifts.

All of these members of the future Government of God have been carefully chosen and proven by God to be genuine in their desire to loyally serve both God and their fellow men. None of them will compare in any way to the politicians of this day, who seek riches, power and prestige in governments around the world.

In addition, each will have received training appropriate to the position for which they qualified, during their 3½ year period of training on the Sea of Glass (see our End-Time Series, and our article 'Revelation 12:14.')

Sadly, a serious mistake has been made in man's attempt to superimpose this millennial system of God's Government upon Christian churches of this age. The typical example is the Roman Catholic Church, which imposed the hierarchical system of ancient Rome's government upon that false church, with ranks of men ruling over the laity, and a Pope at the top. (There are no ranks in God's true Church, just gifts, Ephesians 4:8,11.) The Pope claims to be the 'vicar' of Christ in that he believes he can speak for Christ in matters of

doctrine. This has led to departure from several of the 10 commandments, idolatry, and dominion, all condemned by Christ.

Revelation chapter 17 describes this church and its protestant 'daughters' who have departed from her, but maintain parts of her commandment breaking doctrines. Unfortunately, even parts of the Church of God have been influenced by Satan to adopt this evil hierarchical or oligarchical system of rulership and dominion by men, plainly condemned by God, (Matthew 20:25-27, 1 Peter 5:2-3), claiming it is the *pattern* of the true 'Government of God'.

That is true, but that pattern, as Jesus Christ made clear, is not for this age, when no man is yet qualified to rule as will those spiritual Saints in the coming Kingdom of God. Now, all of us are subject to human nature, and quite unqualified to handle that kind of authority and power. As they say, power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely!

The insurmountable difference is that God has not yet determined our true character and willingness to serve as Jesus Christ did. Not only that, but neither have any of us yet received the supernatural insight into the inner character of others that will in God's Kingdom enable us, like Jesus Christ here, to judge and rule with perfect equity! Isaiah 11:2-5, *'And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the belt of his loins, and faithfulness the belt of his waist.'*

Truly, those who grasp for such power, wealth and position now, for which they are totally unqualified, rather than humbly seeking to serve their brethren, only disqualify themselves from ruling as a shepherd king in God's Kingdom.

Of course, the temptation only exists in organisations which are not part of the pattern we find in the New Testament Church, where churches are seen to be small, **independent** and scattered, served by elders who understood their role as servants, and like Paul were often prepared to serve, as many true ministers are today, without remuneration.

Let us measure our fellowship against the scriptures which condemn such forms of unbiblical government in this age, which are only appropriate when those in positions of government are spiritual, fully born members of the family of God.

As physical humans today, the true ministry are not above us, but stand *among us* and should point us to Jesus Christ and His Word, as their only authority. To claim anything else is idolatry, but all too common in some churches of God. Like the Roman Catholic church, such churches are not open to doctrinal change even when proved wrong from scripture, a fault inherent in any less than Divine hierarchical form of government.

Those who are satisfied to co-exist and fellowship with such idolatry, and the error which comes about as a result, often reason that God called them into that church, and though it has since changed and accepted error, they feel they should remain, for they personally have not accepted the error.

God does not look at it that way, and we see that the only Christians who make it into the 1st resurrection, are those who are not defiled by remaining in such an apostate church. Jesus Christ requires His Bride to be virginal, looking only to Him and His example, not the defilement of false teaching. Revelation 14:1-4, *'And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth. **These are they who were***

not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among men,[Greek - bought from the men] being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.'