

When Government Rewards Evil and Punishes Good

Romans 13:1-4, 1 Peter 2:13-14



- * In reality the greatest threat to this nation is the _____! According to (Rom 13), government is _____ God, _____ God, _____ God.
- * Government is designed as a necessary _____ in a world of sinners.
- * The problem is, when government ceases to function by God's _____, it yields up its authority.
- * When government turns the divine design on its head and protects those who do ____ and makes those who do _____ afraid, it forfeits its divine _____.
- * When the criminals are _____ because they don't fear the consequences, but the police are _____ because they fear the consequences of stopping criminals, you know everything is turned on its head.
- * Our government has become is the source of _____ and the protector of _____, and the enemy of those who speak the _____.
- * As these divinely designed spheres of control in human society descend into chaos, the government will _____ to function the way God designed it, and in fact it will become the enemy of the divine design.
- * Now I want you to understand that there's some _____ reasons why this is happening. They're not _____. They're not even _____ in the fullest measure. The _____ is the enemy of God, Scripture, and the Gospel (1 John 2:15-17).
- * We have a _____ made up of evil, sinful people trying to control a culture of evil, sinful people.
- * The whole world is in the control of the _____ one. Jesus calls the devil a "_____ and father of all lies" in (John 8:44), in (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11), Jesus speaks of the devil and says he is "the _____ of this world", and in (Eph. 2:2), he is "the _____ of the power of the air, the spirit working in the sons of disobedience", in (John 8:44) and in (1 Cor. 11:4), calls him "the _____ of this age."
- * It's not just a human complex of evil, it is behind that that the entire force of hell operates. The enemy is not just sinful people, it is the _____ of evil of this world.
- * What is Satan's objective? (1 Peter 5:8). How does he gain the power to do this? How is he so adept at drawing people into his methods? The answer comes in (Rev. 12:9) in

which “*Satan _____ the whole world.*” Paul told the Corinthians he deceives by disguising as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14).

- * Satan wants to strip all elements of divine _____ and all elements of divine _____ from society. He’s moving the world into his final design- a _____ satanic kingdom, in which Satan has one global monster ruling the whole world.
- * A global satanic kingdom consolidates all kingdoms of the world to one _____, institutes a one world _____.
- * The point that I want to make is recorded in (Prov. 16:12), “*It is an abomination to kings to do evil, for the throne is established by righteousness*”.
- * So we are beginning to see _____ from government. This is the most formidable persecution: COVID, LGBTQ, transgender, social justice—all these new ideologies are now going to become the only acceptable moral standards.
- * Truth, the Bible, Scripture is going to be _____. Throughout history, even in the Western world, people lived under what was called the _____ of kings. Kings were believed to have had a divine right. This was absolute monarchy. What broke that was basically the _____.
- * Our government has already become the purveyor of wickedness. Government is a murderer, slaughtering millions of infants in _____; elevating the _____ agenda, the bizarre _____ deception.
- * Our culture has become _____-_____ and truth is the biggest threat to _____.
- * In his book *The Glorious Body of Christ*, R. B. Kuiper wrote, “*Our age is one of ecclesiastical passivism. . . When a church ceases to be militant it also ceases to be a church of Jesus Christ. . . A truly militant church stands opposed to the world both without its walls and within. . . Time and again in its history the church has found it necessary to assert its sovereignty over against usurpations by the state.*”
- * Francis Schaeffer, who died in 1984, says, “*If [there’s] no final place for civil disobedience, then the government has been made autonomous, and as such, it has been put in the place of the living God.*”
- * G. K. Chesterton said, “*It is only by believing in God that we can ever criticize the government. Once abolish God, and the government becomes.*”
- * John Calvin said, “*[We’re] subject to the men who rule over us, but subject only in the Lord. If they command anything against Him let us not pay the least regard to it, nor be moved by all the dignity which they possess as magistrates.*”
- * Does government win? (Rev. 19, Ps. 2). “*If God be for us, who is against us?*” (Rom. 8:31).