

## **POLITICS AND RELIGION**

We have all heard that if you don't want to make anybody mad, don't mention anything about politics or religion. The sad truth about this statement emanates from the fact that men have corrupted our nation's political system as well as God's pattern for worship and religion. We have also heard many say that no one should try to mix politics and religion. The sad irony of this statement is the fact that both government and true religion originate from the same source – God (Rom. 13:1-7; John 4:24). These strong opinions, regarding politics and religion, basically stem from the fact that many do not want to be told they are wrong or that they are living in error. The denominational world wants toleration for all things, practices, and people except for those who teach the truth about God's Word and expose error. The political liberals also share a hatred for anyone who would believe God and condemn social and moral corruptness. This is nothing new. When Jehoiakim heard the Word of God read to him, "he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth" (Jer. 36:23). The king then sought to capture and punish Jeremiah and his scribe, Baruch. "Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned (Jer. 36:27-28). Though many today "penknife" and "burn" God's Word by perverting it, by ignoring parts with which they disagree, or by rejecting it in full, the Word of God cannot be destroyed. Whether or not men agree with the Bible and whether or not men obey the commands found therein, does not change the fact that all men will be held accountable to the Word of God. Jesus says, "he that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

In regards to the separation of "church and state," the political liberals have been allowed to frame (misrepresent) the debate. They claim that the church should not be allowed to interfere with the workings and policies of the government. The founders of this great nation, wrote and affirmed in our Constitution just the opposite – that the government should not be allowed to interfere with the workings or policies (commands of God) of the Church. Further, the founders of this country never wrote nor signed any document which contained the phrase, "separation of church and state." In fact, America's founding fathers acknowledged that God is the Supreme Creator of mankind, declared the omnipotence of God, proclaimed God as the Supreme Judge of the world, and made appeal to God's divine providence in one of the most important documents in United States history – the Declaration of Independence. These signers did not separate "church and state," because they knew the gravity of their cause and the power of God.

Since we have now corrected the question for debate, that is, the government should not be allowed to do anything that would interfere with the work of the Church, as authorized by God Himself, we can now make some logical conclusions. First, since God says that life begins at conception (Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:40-41), the government should not seek to change that definition. Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, recently stated that noone knows when life begins. Does she know that she is alive? When did she start to live? If nobody can know, how does she know? Second, when God says that homosexuality is "against nature," "unseemly," and "error"

(Rom. 1:26-27), the government should not seek to define such a lifestyle as acceptable. Homosexuality is an “alternative” lifestyle; alternative to that which is pleasing to God. Third, when God says that abortion is murder (Exo. 21:22-23), then the government should not seek to “overturn” the decision of the Supreme Judge on this matter. Murder by any other name (i.e. planned parenthood, “choice,” “a woman’s right to choose,” etc.) is still murder. Though the “law of the land” is defined by some as “Roe v. Wade,” murdering unborn children is a law written by Satan.

Let us obey God and His Law above all else. Let us do everything we can to help our great and beloved country conform to the Will of God, knowing that “righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Pro. 14:34).

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