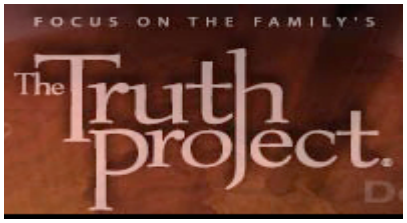


Tour Guide Notes
Lesson 9: Whose Law? The State

Politics

"The science of government; that part of ethics which consists in the regulation and government of a nation or state, for the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity; comprehending the defense of its existence and rights against foreign control or conquest...and the protection of its citizens in their rights, with the preservation and improvement of their morals."

Webster, 1828

What is Stealing?
Can the State steal?

Ethics vs Morals

1 Kings 21 - Ahab, Jezebel, & Naboth
Daniel 4:29-35 - Nebuchadnezzar

Who's really in control here?

God: Sovereign Over Kings

"The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps. A divine decision is in the lips of the king..." Proverbs 16:9-10

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases." Proverbs 21:1

"He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them." Daniel 2:21

"For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: 'I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.'" Romans 9:17

Why Did Israel Ask for a King?

1 Samuel 8

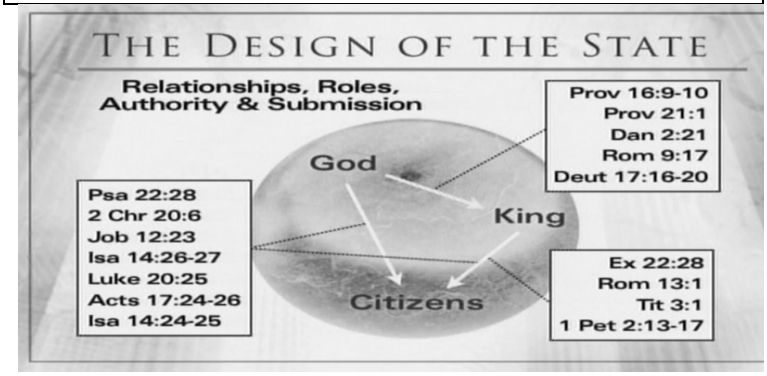
Is the King Sovereign Over Every Sphere?

Sphere Sovereignty

Family ● Labor ● State ● Community ● God & Man ● Church ● God

Sphere Sovereignty and King Uzziah

2 Chronicles 26



The State

Delegation of Authority, Submission, Purpose

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an angel of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing."

Romans 13:1-6

Focus on the Nature of God

"After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted

him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him."

John 17:1-2

Triune Delegation

"Then comes the end, when [Christ] delivers the kingdom to God the Father...For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15:28

"Subject" to. . .

People "subject" to their rulers

Bondslaves "subject" to their masters

Wives "subject" to their husbands
Titus 2 & 3

Christian Duties to Civil Magistrate

pay taxes, pay respect, give honor Romans 13:7

...fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17

The State Romans 13

Delegation of Authority
Submission

Purpose of Civil Authority?

1.Punish Evil 2. Condone good

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:17-21

The Civil Authority must know the basis for calling something good or evil.

The Basis of Civil Authority **Ethics & Law** **What is Law?**	
Death by the State	
Joseph Stalin	42,672,000
Mao Zedong	37,828,000
Adolf Hitler	20,946,000
Chiang Kai-shek	10,214,000
Vladimir Lenin	4,017,000
Hideki Tojo	3,990,000
Pol Pot	2,397,000
"Almost 170 million men, women and children have been shot, beaten, tortured, knifed, burned, starved, frozen, crushed or worked to death; buried alive, drowned, hung, bombed or killed in any other of a myriad of ways governments have inflicted death on unarmed, helpless citizens and foreigners." Rummel, "Death by Government"	
"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities. Ideas DO have consequences" **~ Voltaire**	
Pathologies	
Rise of the state	
<u>if man is good, why is there evil?</u> *"...experience leads me to believe that it is cultural influences which are the major factor in our evil behaviors."* **~ Carl Rogers**	

"Sick people are made by a sick culture; healthy people are made possible by a healthy culture." **~ Abraham Maslow**

"The Universal is to be found in the State...The State is the Divine Idea as it exists on earth...We must therefore worship the State as the manifestation of the Divine on earth, and consider that, if it is difficult to comprehend Nature, it is harder to grasp the Essence of the State...the State is the march of God through the world..." *Hegel*

Social Disorder & Decline of Culture
Five Attributes of Rome at its end:
- mounting love of show and luxury
- obsession with sex & homosexuality
- freakishness in the arts masquerading as originality,
- enthusiasms pretending to be creativity
- increased desire to live off the state

"…No deity will save us; we must save ourselves." Humanist Manifesto II
"We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached the turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate. Thus we look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government." Humanist Manifesto II
"I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." **Psalms 121:1-2**
"…the State is the march of God through the world…" Hegel
"The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble." **Psalm 37:39**
"They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us.'" **Exodus 32:1**
"…the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard." **Isaiah 52:12**
"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, and by night in a pillar of fire." **Exodus 13:21**