

HOW ARE WE TO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF AN UNGODLY WORLD LED BY UNGODLY GOVERNMENTS?

Lessons in humble submission for His redemptive purposes
Matthew 17:22-27

- I. **UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL IS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE CONTEXT OF SUBMISSION, EVEN UNTO EVIL MEN:** Jesus reminds His disciples He will submit to being delivered by evil men (handed over) unto death and will rise on the third day **(21-23)**

- II. **SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENT THEREFORE GIVING NO CAUSE FOR STUMBLING UNBELIEVERS IN REGARD TO CHRIST :** Jesus uses Peter's experience with the temple tax collectors to teach him about humbly not pressing ones rights so as not to offend (cause to sin) **(24-27)**
 - A. Peter is cornered by the temple tax collectors concerning why Jesus might not pay the tax and Peter responds that He does (24-25a)

 - B. Jesus, knowing all, questions Peter, revealing that He is free from the tax because He is the Son. Yet so as not to cause them to sin He sends Peter fishing so he could pay the tax for Him and Peter (25b-27)

- III. **REALIZE WHEN WE SUBMIT, OBEY, HONOR, GOVERNMENT, GOD IS GLORIFIED AND PEOPLE MIGHT BE SAVED (Rom 13, 1Pet 2, Tit 3)**
 - A. Why are we to be in obedient submission to government, (even evil ones)?
 1. It is a command, based on who we are in Christ (Tit. 3:1, Rom 13:1, 1Pet 2:13)

 2. God alone has instituted authority; it is His servant, whether good or bad (Rom 13:1-7, John 19:9-11)

 3. God is using our righteous behavior in an unbelieving world to silence and save, bringing glory to Himself (1Peter 2:12-17)

 - B. Do we submit in everything? (Daniel, Acts 5)