

## The Problem with Kings, Queens and Presidents

### Introduction:

The kingdom of God is not of this world. The issues of men's kingdom and God's overlap only slightly, and that is why church and politics mix so imperfectly. At this season of political focus in our nation, we should re-examine government from a biblical view, rather than looking at the Bible from a political perspective:

A. Theocracy vs Autocracy vs Democracy --- 1 Sam. 8  
--- Judges 17:4

B. Biblical Mandates vs Pseudo Mandates

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1 Timothy 2:1 – Pray for government leaders</li><li>2. Philemon 3:1 – Submit to government leaders</li><li>3. Luke 20:21 – Pay taxes</li><li>4. Romans 13:1-7 – Honor &amp; respect</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Vote for</li><li>2. Agree with</li><li>3. Patriotism, nationalism</li><li>4. Be responsible to change and correct</li></ol>
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### C. “Obey God not man.”

- sharing Jesus amid persecution
- suffer consequences of obedience to God without struggle
- not disobey clear biblical commands

### Romans 13:1-7

Verse 1 -- established = (tasso) arranged in orderly manner; assigned lots; created order

Subjection = (hypo-tasso) come under the assigned order

Verse 2 -- resist = (anti-tasso) set self against the assigned order

oppose = (anthistemi) stand against

ordinance = (diatage) arrangement; prescribed order