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# 7 Biblical Political Factors

- **The public square**
- **The heart**
- **The Bible**
- **Government**
- **Churches**
- **Christians**
- **Justice**





# THE PUBLIC SQUARE: Not Neutral, But a Battleground of gods



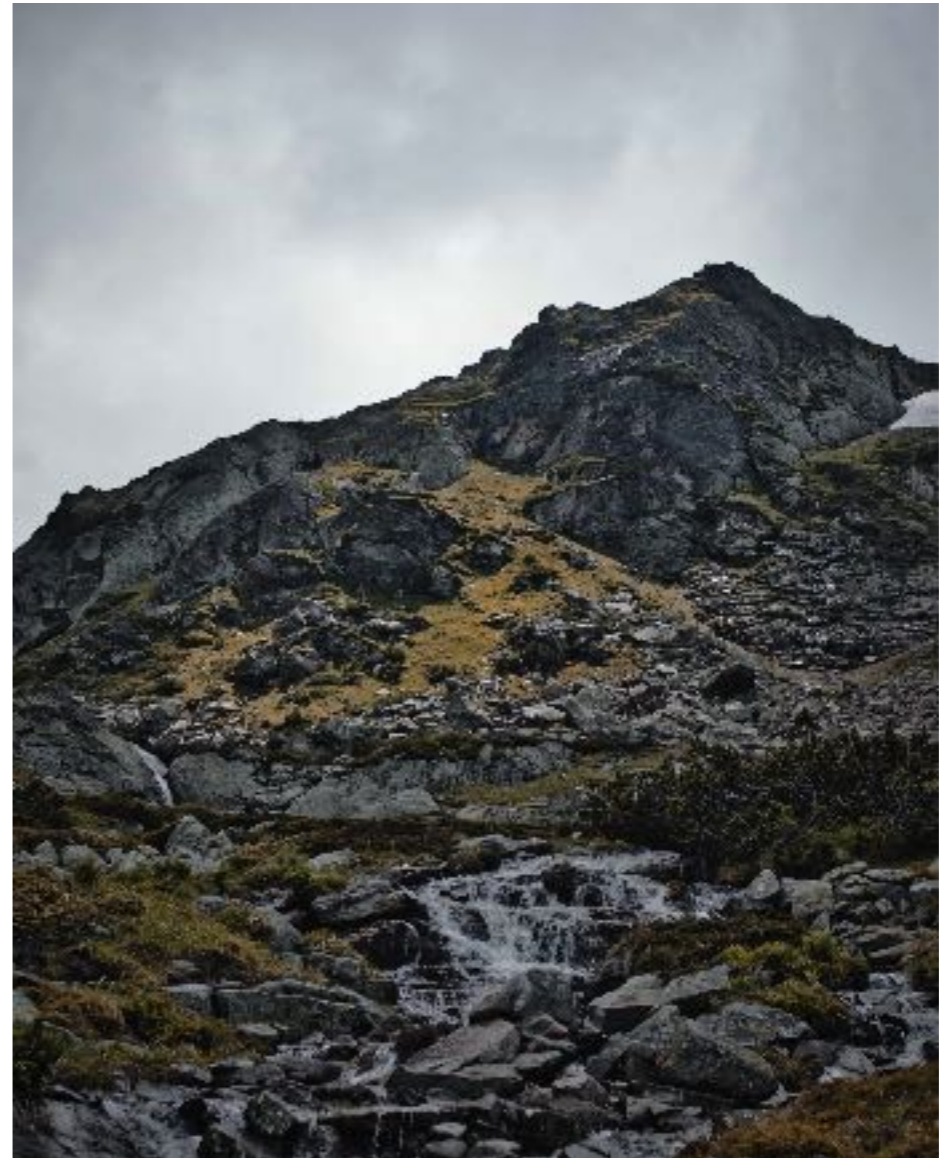
# THE HEART: The Motive Behind Political Activity

- Nations take “counsel together” against the Lord (Ps 2:2-3)
- People can hate politics because fallen hearts are on display
- A government can never change the heart



# Old Creation Politics Depends on Self-Justification

- We constantly look for ways to validate and affirm our own value and goodness
- Meaning from the law of God is good
- Search for meaning can result in worship of self





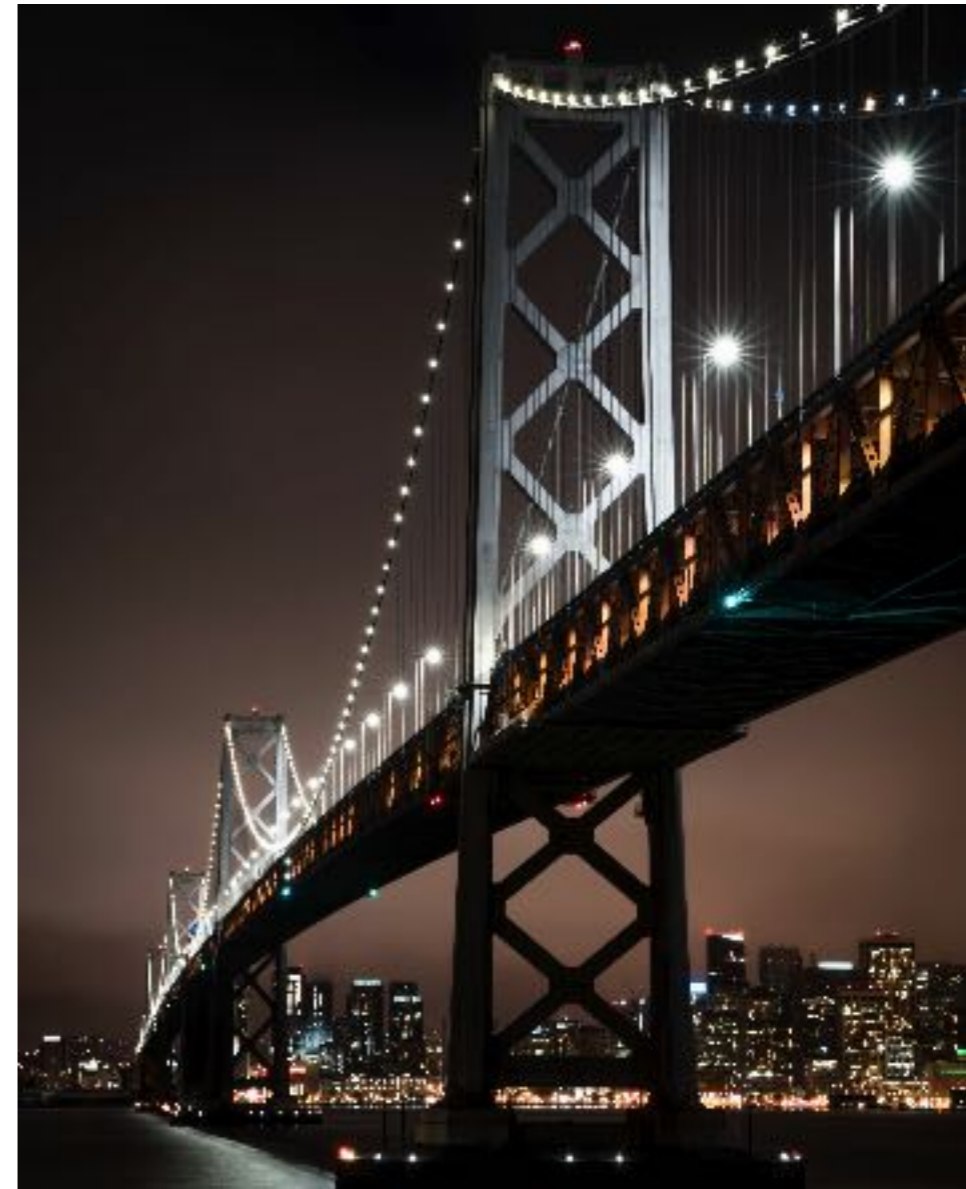
# New Creation Politics Depends on God's Justification

- Accept our condemnation
- Seek God's forgiveness and righteousness
- Show mercy and see peace
- Expect persecution and praise



# There is a tension between Old Creation Politics and New Creation Politics

- The sword vs the Spirit
- God is the righteous ruler who changes peoples hearts
- As Christians we participate in both political worlds





# Our Political Challenge

- Those who are most heavenly minded will do the most earthly good
- One day the kingdom of the world will belong to Jesus (Rev 11:15)



# THE BIBLE: Wisdom for Political Activity

- Pluralistic nation
- Avoiding two extremes - assuming the Bible says nothing about politics OR trying to find specific answers on issues of policy





# All Activity, including political activity, will be judged by the Bible

- God will evaluate whatever is done through public policy by the principles of righteousness and justice established in the Bible



**Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”**

*–Revelation 6:15-17*



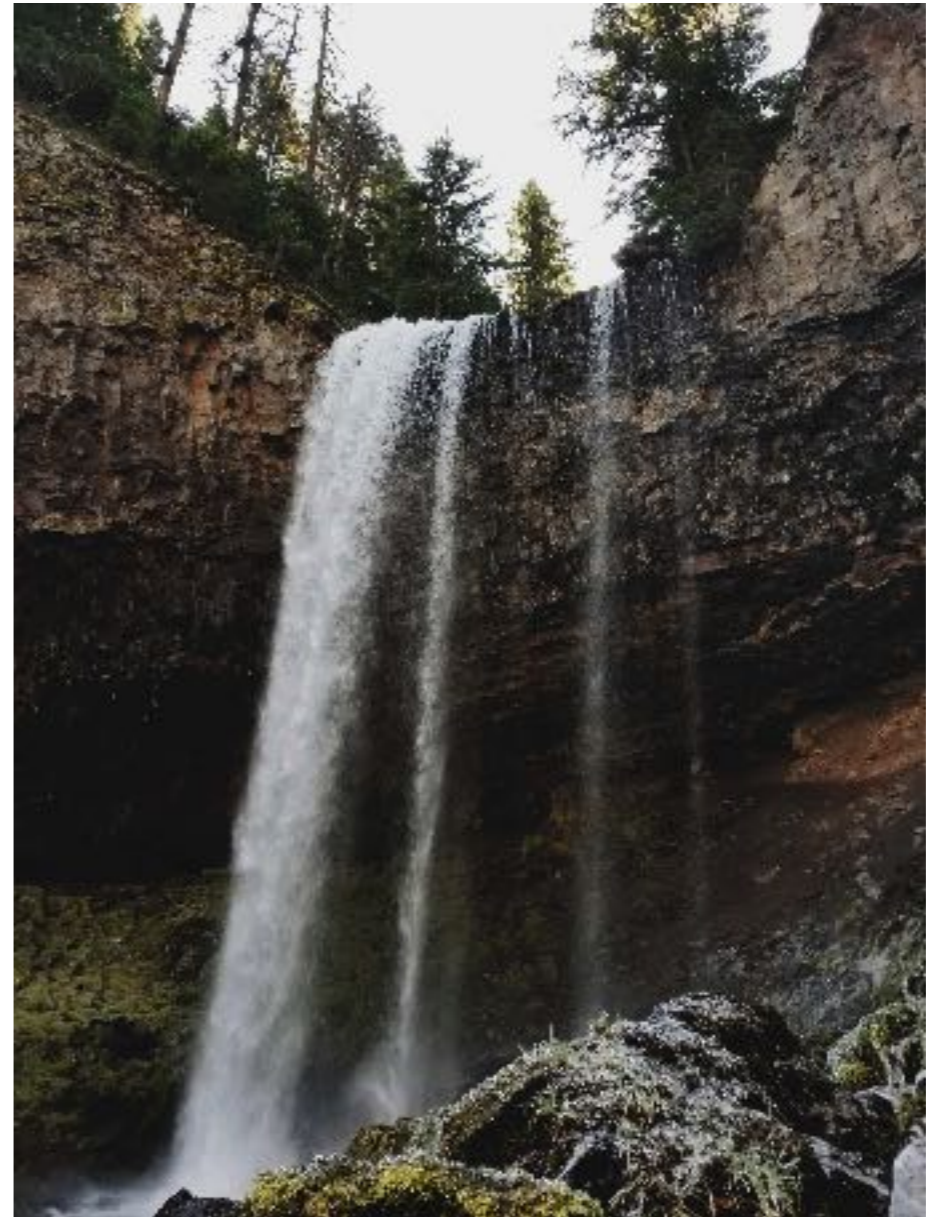
# Different Jurisdictions Have Been Assigned by God to Different Institutions

- Governments
- Parents
- Church



# Recognize the Difference Between Law and Wisdom

- Law = absolute and unchanging
- Wisdom = the posture of fearing God and the skill of living in God's world in a way that promotes justice, peace, and human flourishing





# Wisdom is Necessary for Justice

- The nation was in awe “because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.” (1 Kings 3:28)
- “A righteous man knows the rights of the poor.” (Prov 29:7)



# Unite Around Straight Line Issues, But Leave Room for Christian Freedom for Jagged Line Issues

- We need wisdom to know if something is biblically binding for all Christians or if it belongs to the domain of Christian freedom
- “In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, in all things charity”



# Don't Miss Jesus For the Sake of Politics

- The purpose of the Bible is to reveal the glory of God, to show us that God is at work in the world, and to tell us how God can redeem us through Jesus Christ

