



# Canada Votes - God Rules

**Won't Get Fooled Again**

# 7 Biblical Political Factors

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



# GOVERNMENT: Not a Saviour, But a Platform Builder

- God established government to serve all people, but especially his own people
- Government gets its authority from God



Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed . . . for he is God's servant . . . he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath.

*-Romans 13:1-2, 4*

# God Requires Specific Things From Government

- And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image”

# Requirement #1: To Render Judgment for the Sake of Justice

- Establishes the principle of fairness - crimes should be punished in proportion to the seriousness of the crime
- Justice upholds the dignity and value of persons



# Requirement #2: To Build Platforms of Peace, Order, and Flourishing

- “By justice a king builds up a land.” (Proverbs 29:4)



# Requirement #3: To Set the Stage for Redemption

- Genesis 9 - God establishes government
- Genesis 12 - God calls Abraham





**“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.”**

*–Acts 17:26-27*

**First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

*-1 Timothy 2:1-4*

# The Limits of Government and Religious Tolerance

- The Bible requires us to tolerate one another's gods
- A government does not have the right to coerce a certain way of worship or to punish false worship



# CHURCHES: Not Lobbying Organizations, But Embassies of Heaven

- A church is political
- A church is and is not a political threat (Acts 19)
- A church possesses the authority of the Keys of the Kingdom



**And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”**

*–Matthew 16:19*

**“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”**

*–Matthew 18:18-20*

**“A church is a group of Christians who identify themselves and each other as followers of Jesus through regularly gathering in his name, preaching the gospel, and celebrating the ordinances. All this they do by the authority of the keys.”**

*–Johnathan Leeman*

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- A church is not competent to use the “sword”
- The church is multinational and multiethnic
- The church is ultimate





