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WE THE PEOPLE

Politics and
My Own Heart



Our true enemies are not who we think they are

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



The way in which we're to combat our enemies is not what we think

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...



The Weapons of our Warfare

1. Praise + Worship
2. Repentance + Confession
3. Prayer + Fasting
4. Faith + Obedience
5. The glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
6. Love, rather than hate, for our enemies
7. The Word of God (which is the sword of the Spirit)
8. Believers returning to God with all our hearts + souls



2 Chronicles 20:12

O our God, will you not execute judgement on them? For we are **powerless** against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.



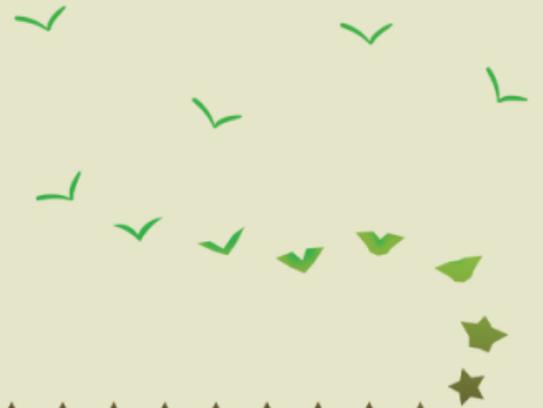
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Romans 13:1

There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.



Romans 9:17

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”



Hosea 8:4 (NASB)

[Israel] has set up kings, but not by Me; they have appointed princes, but I did not know it. With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves, that they might be cut off.



Isaiah 40:15, 23-24

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales ...

[God] brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem take root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.



The Bottom Line

We are not helpless victims. God has given us the most powerful recourse in the universe. Himself! And he is in absolute control of every ruler on earth. They can only do what he permits, and long as he permits, for the furthering of his good plans and purposes.



Psalm 2:1-6

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."



Our Christian Identity

- Exiles



Hebrews 11:13-16

These died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak this make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



John 17:14, 16

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because **they are not of the world**, just as I am not of the world.

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.



1 Corinthians 15:47

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is **from heaven**.





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“IS THIS HEAVEN?”

“NO, IT’S IOWA.”

-FIELD OF DREAMS



Our Christian Identity

- Exiles
- Ambassadors



John 17:18

As you [Father] sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.



Our Expectations



We the People of the United States, in Order to...

- Form a more perfect Union
- Establish Justice
- Insure domestic Tranquility
- Provide for the common Defense
- Promote the general Welfare
- And secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity

**... do ordain and establish this
Constitution for the United States of America.**



Biblical Responsibilities of Government

1. Punish evil
2. Promote good



Declaration of Independence

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are **Life, Liberty**, and the pursuit of **Happiness.**”



1. Prayerfulness

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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.



2. Love

Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



2. Love

Matthew 5:43-48

For if you love those who love you,
what reward do you have? Do not
even the tax collectors do the same?
And if you greet only your brothers
what more are you doing than others?
Do not even the Gentiles do the
same? You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.



2. Love

Exodus 22:28

You shall not revile God, not curse a ruler of your people.



3. Hope

2 Peter 3:13

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



5. Peace

2 Peter 3:14

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.



5. Grace

Colossians 4:6 (NASB)

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

