

God's "Tenth Amendment"

(Notes to Program of April 25, 2012)

It has been said, ***"Ask Ron Marsh for the time and he will tell you how to build a clock!"***

WHY have we so far barely touched on the Constitution in a series that Paul Ford has described as "a study of the Constitution"?

WHY did it take an hour last week ***just to get to*** the "Day of Silence"?

We are studying **NOTHING "new"**! "(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)" – Acts 17:21

This is OLD stuff!

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken."

(Jeremiah 6: 16, 17)

In **"MY"** day, **SIXTH-GRADERS** knew more about their country's history and government than **COLLEGE GRADS** do **TODAY!**

It is **MUCH** easier to **EDUCATE** than to **RE-EDUCATE!!** (Out with the LIES, in with the TRUTH.)

I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE to tell folks **"how to build a clock"**!

Romans 13 – **Why** did Paul not simply say, "Obey civil government!"?

I Peter 2 – **Why** did Peter not simply say, "Obey civil government!"?

Matthew 22:17 – **Why** did Jesus not simply say, "Yes. Pay your taxes."

When **GOD** "tells us how to build a clock," HE DOES **NOT** WASTE WORDS!!

EVERY WORD IN GOD'S WORD COUNTS!!

(White-water WARNING! Fasten your canoe's safety belts!)

What is meant by “**inspiration**” of the Bible?

What is meant by “**inerrancy**” of the Bible?

IS the Bible inspired and inerrant?

Which portions? (All of it.)

Which version? (The Autographs, or original writings.)

Does one have to “check his brain at the door” to believe in inspiration and inerrancy?

Romans 13:

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Was the Apostle Paul crazy, ignorant or senile?

Did he not know about, or not remember, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Haman and Esther, Antiochus Epiphanes, Herod and John the Baptist, the stoning of Stephen, or the crucifixion of his Savior?

Don't you just **KNOW** that “Do good, be rewarded; do bad, be punished!” were the words he was clinging to at the very end of his life, in those final few seconds when the Roman broadsword was being raised – and then forcefully lowered, severing his head from his body?

(All due respect, NO sacrilege intended) Is the Godhead schizophrenic?

The Son (“The world will hate you because the world first hated Me!”) warns of persecution, prosecution, being hauled before magistrates, fleeing to the mountains, a coming Abomination of Desolation, etc., etc....

...while...

The Holy Spirit inspires Paul to write while looking through rose-colored glasses. (“Don't worry! Be Happy!”)

WHAT GIVES?????????

What about it, Dear Listener out there in Radio Land? Can you REALLY reconcile the above verses with our government today? Or ALMOST ANY government throughout human history? If so, I will PERSONALLY make the phone call to arrange for your psych evaluation at Katherine Hamilton's.

CHANGE OF SCENE: You are teaching a Sunday School class of “juniors.”

It's Father's Day...

You tell them that they should honor and obey their fathers -- as the Bible says...

BECAUSE...

God gave us fathers.

Fathers love their wives, their kids' mothers.

Fathers love their kids.

Fathers work hard to earn money to support their wives and their kids.

Fathers want what is best for their kids.

Fathers do NOT "provoke their kids to wrath."

God TELLS us to honor and obey our fathers.

(Sounds kinda like Romans 13:3 & 4, doesn't it?)

After Sunday School, you go into the worship service.

You sing several "7-11" worship songs with the congregation.

You listen to a wonderful "I'm OK, You're OK" sermon.

You leave church feeling GOOD!

You and your family go to Red Lobster for Father's Day dinner.

You tell your family how WELL the Sunday School lesson went.

You feel GOOD!!

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW...

Little Johnnie's daddy is a MEAN drunk and a doper.

Little Suzie's daddy leaves his wife's bed and sneaks into Suzie's bed.

How do you suppose Johnnie and Suzie square your lesson with their reality?

It's called... COGNITIVE DISSONANCE! (Holding two conflicting thoughts in the mind at the same time.)

CHILDREN and cognitive dissonance: "If THAT is your God, I'll have no part of Him!"

ADULTS and cognitive dissonance: Denial (NOT a river in Egypt!) "Yeah, there MIGHT be some solution to the apparent discrepancy, but I'm not gonna try to figure it out. Isn't it about time for 'American Idol'?"

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. (Proverbs 25:2) **God is NOT bothered by our SERIOUS questions!**

So what is God's Word REALLY saying?

To WHOM were the N.T. epistles written?

WHO is told to put on the whole armor of God? (Ephesians 6)

WHO is told to present their bodies as living sacrifices? (Romans 12:1, 2)

WHO is told to submit to every ordinance of man? (I Peter 2:13)

So WHY the change HERE?

Romans 13:

- 1 ¶ *Let EVERY SOUL be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*
2 *WHOSOEVER therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

Rulers, magistrates, Congressmen, Senators, Presidents, Supreme Court Justices are ALL included in the “EVERY SOUL”! EVERYBODY answers to SOMEBODY (a “higher authority,” the ultimate “higher Power” being GOD Himself!).

(Of the several versions I checked, only the KJV and the Geneva Bible remained true to the text. All of the other “translations” were actually “interpretations” that read simply, in one form or another, “obey the government.”)

“Every”

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including all the forms of declension; TDNT - 5:886,795; adj

AV - all 748, all things 170, every 117, all men 41, whosoever 31, everyone 28, whole 12, all manner of 11, every man 11, no + 3756 9, every thing 7, any 7, whatsoever 6, whosoever + 3739 + 302 3, always + 1223 3, daily + 2250 2, any thing 2, no + 3361 2, not tr 7, misc 26; 1243

1) individually

1a) each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything

2) collectively

2a) some of all types

“Soul”

“Subject” (See “Ordained” and “Ordinance” below)

“Higher”

“Power”

“Ordained” (See “Subject” above and “Ordinance” below)

“Ordinance” (See “Subject” and “Ordained” above)

I Peter 2:

- 13 ¶ *Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;***
- 14 *Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.***
- 15 *For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:***
- 16 *As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.***

I Peter 2:13

“Ordinance”

WHAT is an “ordinance of man”?

WHY are we to obey them?

WHERE does the Bible speak to speed limits?

WHERE does the Bible speak to drivers' licenses?

WHERE does the Bible speak to legal drinking age?

WHERE does the Bible speak to life before birth? (Jeremiah 1:5)

WHERE does the Bible speak to committing murder? (Exodus 20)

WHERE does the Bible speak to abortion? (Jeremiah 1:5, Exodus 20)

WHERE does the Bible speak to the issue of homosexuality? (Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:18 - 32)

“Ordinances of man” apply to areas WHERE GOD HAS NOT ALREADY SPOKEN!

Where God has spoken, MAN HAS NO AUTHORITY TO SPEAK!

“Ktisis” (“ordinance”) of I Peter 2:13 could be likened unto “manufacturing tableware.”

“Tasso” (“ordained,” “ordinance”) and its derivatives (Romans 13) could be likened unto “setting the table.”

“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” (Article 10, Bill of Rights – Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution)

I Peter 2:13 is “GOD’S 10th AMENDMENT.” It delineates venues of JURISDICTION and AUTHORITY! (Matthew 22:21)

“Tyranny” is “usurpation of power (authority).”

For MAN to try to speak where GOD has already spoken is TYRANNY!

NOTE: Definitions at Romans 13 and I Peter 2 are from *Strong’s Concordance*.