

“BIBLICALLY, WHEN CAN YOU DISOBEY YOUR GOVERNMENT?”

VII. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THRU THE CHURCH (12:1-16:23)

A. The Christian’s Responsibility to Obey Governing Authorities (13:1-7)

1. Civil governments have been invested by God with the _____ to rule the state, and as Christians, we are to _____. (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17)

2. As believers we are to always obey human government, _____ when government over-reaches, and _____ us to do what God commands or even _____ us to do what God forbids.

B. The Christian’s Responsibility to Obey God Rather than Man

1. You are to obey God rather than man when you are commanded to kill innocent people. (Exodus 1:8-21)
 - a. The Pharaoh of Egypt _____ a potential threat of over population by the Hebrews, and he took preemptive _____. (vv. 8-10)
 - 1) Pharaoh passed a law for more _____, and enslaved the Hebrews as _____ labor. (vv. 11-14)

 - 2) Pharaoh also sought _____, by demanding that the Hebrew midwives _____ any newborn male. (vv. 15-16)

 - b. The Hebrew midwives rightfully _____ to obey the king’s ordinance because they _____ the Lord. (v. 17)

 - c. Government had _____ its delegated authority, and God honored the women’s _____ to Him, rather than to the king, and He _____ them for it. (vv. 18-21)

2. You are to obey God rather than man even in a time of war when you are expected to turn fellow believers over to the authorities. (Joshua 2:1-24)

a. The king of Jericho was informed that Hebrew spies had come to the house of Rahab, and _____ was _____ to turn them over. (vv. 1-3)

b. Rahab _____ the king's order and hid the two spies on the roof, and then _____ to the king, making up a story about them leaving the city at night. (vv. 4-6)

c. In talking with the spies, Rahab revealed her true _____ in Jehovah God, and how she _____ that God would give Israel the land. (vv. 8-11; Heb. 11:31; James 2:25)

d. Rahab asked for a _____ of _____ for her and her family when the city was captured, and the men agreed, and they did keep their promise. (vv. 12-14, 6:25)

3. You are to obey God rather than man when the government is in the process of executing fellow believers, i.e., innocent people. (1 Kings 18:1-4)

a. The reasoning behind Obadiah's actions is that he "_____ *the Lord greatly*" (v. 3)

b. While Queen Jezebel was busy massacring the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah was busy _____ her plans by _____ 100 prophets in two caves. (v. 4)

* In each of these stories, the "*fear of the Lord*" was what convinced these people to go against their own government; does that factor into what you would do?