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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"POLITICS AND MARRIAGE"

WHY SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN CARE?

Part 3

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Leadership, Politics, Government, Worldview, Apologetics, Righteousness, Marriage

Introduction to the Text;

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we live and move and have our being,

and according to the Bible, God created a mechanism that He designed to service a culture. Government is to be a tool that helps a people to develop and supply them an infrastructure and protect them against evil and danger.

But never was a government to oppress or subvert or overrule its people.

Government is a Secular form of Ministry

(the ministers of finance or of war or of commerce)

Rom. 13:1-5

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. :2

Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. :3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same...

:4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. :5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

And without contradiction – the Christian is to always

answer to that Supreme Authority, God Himself, when government departs from its rightful place and becomes tyrannical.

Acts 5:27-29

And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, :28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" :29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

And So We As Christians Are Mandated by God

To be the best citizens a community could have – even when that community departs from its purpose for existence.

In **Part 1** we looked at "Why Should The Christian Care?" In **Part 2** we looked at "Politics and Israel"

Tonight We Look at Politics and Marriage.

Q: - Is The Removal of the 10 Commandments from Public View; a political issue, a religious issue, or a moral issue?

If you say it's **political** then I must ask – by what **authority** do you have this right. But if the **atheist** disapproves then it must be based upon a **religious** conviction of his. And if you say it's an issue of **morality** then what is immoral about the **10 commandments?**

Q: - What about Israel – Chosen by God a **political** issue, a **religious** issue, or a **moral** issue?

Q: - What about **Abortion** – The Killing of Life a **political** issue, a **religious** issue, or a **moral** issue?

Q: - What about Marriage – Invented by God a political issue, a religious issue, or a moral issue?

Jesus Christ Gave The Christian a Cultural Mandate

Matt. 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Prov. 29:2

When the righteous are in **authority**, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

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1.) Marriage is God's invention

Gen. 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. :27 He created him; male and female He created them. :28

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;

Notice That God calls this Union - Blessed.

In the genius of God – His engineering design creates life and prosperity. Notice here that it's God's original intent that mankind be happy and numerous thru the act of marriage.

Ah – But were Adam and Eve a Married Couple?

Gen. 2:25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife,

Bad Government / Ungodly Politics, Seeks to Dissolve This Undeniable Reality.

Stop for a moment to think.

Who in their right mind would seek to redefine marriage? What would be their agenda to destroy marriage?

The Very 1st Wedding Gen. 2:21-24

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, (DNA RESEARCH) and closed up the flesh in its place. :22

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. :23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." :24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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2.) Marriage is God's sacred model

It is such a valued and sacred institution to God that He says...

Matt. 19:3-6

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?" :4 And He answered and said to

them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,' :5 and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? :6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

A Sacred Model Ordained by God

Matt. 19:7-8

They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" :8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

Eph. 5:25-32

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, :26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, :27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. :28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. :29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. :30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. :31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.":32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

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3.) Marriage is God's plan for the family

Should the Government be involved in the Family?

(let me restate that - - should parents or the government have the primary responsibility of training up America's children?)

Gen. 2:21-24

Therefore a man shall leave his **father** and **mother** and be joined to his **wife**, and **they shall become one flesh**.

Psa. 127:3-5

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. :4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. :5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

Deut. 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

A New Household Created

Notice – a single man is to leave his parents home (not family) and be "joined" to his wife and (replicate what he had)

The Next Generation is God's Plan / Design

God's Design of a Family

Eph. 6:1-4

Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **:2** "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: **:3** "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." **:4** And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Ex. 20:12

"Honor your **father** and your **mother**, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Little Daughters / Teen Daughters / Adult Daughters Need Their Parents
The Male-Father Influence // The Female-Mother Influence

I know a girl
She puts the color inside of my world
But she's just like a maze
Where all of the walls all continually change
And I've done all I can
To stand on her steps with my heart in my hands
Now I'm starting to see
Maybe it's got nothing to do with me

Fathers, be good to your daughters
Daughters will love like you do
Girls become lovers who turn into mothers
So mothers, be good to your daughters too

Oh, you see that skin?
It's the same she's been standing in
Since the day she saw him walking away
Now she's left
Cleaning up the mess he made

So fathers, be good to your daughters Daughters will love like you do Girls become lovers who turn into mothers So mothers, be good to your daughters too

Boys, you can break You'll find out how much they can take Boys will be strong And boys soldier on But boys would be gone without the warmth from A woman's good, good heart

On behalf of every man
Looking out for every girl
You are the god and the weight of her world

So fathers, be good to your daughters

Daughters will love like you do Girls become lovers who turn into mothers So mothers, be good to your daughters too. - John Mayer

So - Should the Government be Involved in the Family?

Yes – to do whatever the government can do to encourage families and the creation of families (parental rights, lower taxes, school vouchers...)

BTW- Russia, Germany, France are just one generation away from losing its culture because they are not producing enough children.

(baby boomers murdered their future. - - 57 million children have been killed in the womb – all of them future tax payers and income earners.

The Democratic Party made history at its national convention

Tuesday when it became the first major American political party to endorse marriage equality in its platform, drawing a sharp contrast with the Republican Party's official stance on the issue. Delegates approved the platform with its explicit mention of "marriage equality" by voice vote on the floor of the Charlotte Convention Center in North Carolina shortly after 6 p.m. The move was preceded by a rousing speech from platform committee chair Newark Mayor Cory Booker that brought the crowd to its feet.

Advocates who pressed for the inclusion of the plank praised the final vote. The voice affirmation marked the culmination of a process that turned high profile earlier this year when Freedom to Marry launched the Democrats: Say I Do campaign in February. The advocacy also included two rounds of testimony from groups at the draft platform and platform committee meetings this summer.

"Today the Democratic Party stood up for family values and the value of all families by including a freedom to marry plank in its official platform," said Freedom to Marry founder and president Evan Wolfson in a statement. "The party's embrace of the freedom to marry matches the sentiment of the American people. They know that marriage matters, that gay and non-gay loving and committed couples deserve respect, and that strengthening families is part of how we build a stronger country for all."

Almighty God Will Defend What He Has Established Thru Judgment.

Thus marriage / the home / raising children / community / society are blessed

Jude 7

as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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From Marriage – God has created nations and has populated the world and created the foundations where a family can grow.

4.) Marriage is God's foundation for society

where there's the stability of a home and a secure marriage; there is civic tranquility / there is less crime / there is higher standard of living / there is higher morality / there are greater freedoms / healthier citizens / greater acts of compassion / a home available for adoption / better education

community pride

Throughout the Bible God defends marriage against *Infidelity, adultery, promiscuity, pornography, abuse,*

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5.) Marriage is God's building block for a nation

As a Priority - Marriage Comes Before;

a village, a city, a government, a nation, a culture, an economy, a history, a military, a board, a religion, - - you name it and it must first have come forth from marriage

So why would a government get involved in the issue of marriage when it is historically, scientifically, culturally necessary for the building of a nation?

Only To Defend It at All Costs

As a Christian - when you vote, you must obey the teachings of the Bible and let your biblical worldview guide your voting process. An attack on marriage is an attack on God and the DNC platform is exactly that, an attack on God.

to preserve a nation - God is clear.

adultery, incest, bestiality & homosexuality are rejected in the Bible not only because it is sin – but because it results in disease, decay and death (Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 1Corinthians, Romans 1, 1Timothy...)

And God will Judge any Government That Hinders the Sanctity and Sacredness of Marriage

Lets Pray for Marriages & The Family Tonight

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<



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