

# God's Government

## Scripture

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| Genesis 6:5, 9:5, 6        | Noah: Criminal violence and wickedness, death penalty.             | ----- | Source of all governmental authority   |
| Micah 2:1-3, 3:1-4, 4:1-5  | Micah: Kings Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Assyrians, Babylonians        | ----- | One reason God established governments                                       |
| Daniel 1, 4, 6             | Daniel: Chief Eunuch, King Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar, Darius | ----- | Emperor when Paul wrote his letter to the Romans                             |
| Luke 18:9-14, 19:1-10      | Jesus: Herod, tax collectors, Caesar                               | ----- | The very minimum Christians owe God's ministers                              |
| Luke 7:1-10; John 19:1-16  | Jesus: Soldiers, Pilate, King of the Jews, No king but Caesar      | ----- | What Daniel, Paul and Jesus our Lord always gave to governmental authorities |
| Acts 4, 5, I Peter 2:13-17 | Peter: Captain of the Guard, jailers, High Priest, Herod, Emperor  |       |  |
| Acts 16, 26: Romans 13     | Paul: jailers, soldiers, King Agrippa, Festus, Nero                |       |  |

## Government & Christians Today

Why does Government Exist?

God's ministers, justice, order, vine and fig tree

Why should we obey civil leaders?

God's ministers, fear, conscience, avoid offense, example, love

What should we do for civil officials?

Honor, respect, pay taxes, pray, speak the gospel, love

When should we disobey civil leaders?

Only due to Higher Authority, under power of Holy Spirit, after prayer and counsel