How Are You Getting Along With Your Uncle- Uncle Sam That is? Part 2

Ecclesiastes 8:10-17

LET'S REVIEW

I. A Citizen's Submission

A. Submission is Part of God's Will (v. 2)

B. Submission Can be Enforced (vv. 3-9)

II. A Government's <u>Provision</u>

The government must provide protection for the citizens of that country

A. An Example of <u>Failure</u> (v. 10)

The secrecy of my job is does not permit me to know what I am doing

B. The <u>Principle</u> of Failure (v. 11)

F. Lee Bailey, "In America an acquittal doesn't mean you are innocent it means you beat the rap"

We need impartial fair judges who will meet our justice promptly swiftly

Robert Frost, "a jury is simply 12 people chosen to decide who has a better lawyer,"

C. The <u>Overrule</u> of Failure (vv. 12-13)

Ps. 11:4 reads

The Lord is in His holy temple the Lord still rules from heaven he watches everything closely examining everyone on earth

III. Believer's <u>Position</u>

No Human System is <u>Perfect</u> (v. 14)

James Madison, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of the government far from it we have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity to give each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the ten commandments."

III. Believer's Position

The believer looks forward to the second coming of Jesus where He will rule with perfectness

(Study the Book of Revelation)

Julia Ward Howe wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"

III. Believer's Position

Make the Best with What You Have (v, 15)

How do we do this?

We stop complaining about what we don't have,

and we start thanking God about what we do have

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God Works Behind the Scenes (vv. 16-17)

Good government is not necessity for the spreading of the gospel

Example of China: They indeed flourished and we found out there're weren't 800 thousand converts there were now 50 million and some estimates 100 hundred million Christians in the worst form of government

III. Believer's <u>Position</u>

The gospel spread in the early church with the strong arm of the Roman government.