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▶ TUNE IN **FACEBOOK GROUP (LAP LIVE STREAM)**
SUNDAYS @ 9.30AM | THURSDAYS @ 7.45PM

**HYMNS FOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

THE CHRISTIAN & THE GOVERNMENT (PART 1)

Adapted from Truth For the World

**PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS
& MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE**

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Angels Are Singing

SINGING REDEMPTION'S SONG

Tillit S. Teddlie, 1923

Tillit S. Teddlie, 1923

1. An - gels are sing - ing re - demp - tion's sweet song, Won - der - ful theme, glo - ri - ous theme!
 2. O - ver and o - ver the mel - o - dies ring, Won - der - ful theme, glo - ri - ous theme!
 3. Joy be - yond mea - sure a - waits us up there, Won - der - ful theme, glo - ri - ous theme!

Shout the glad mes - sage and join in the throng, Sing - ing re demp - tion's song!
 Heav - en re - sounds with the tri - bute they bring, Sing - ing re demp - tion's song!
 Soon we shall join with the an - gels so fair, Sing - ing re demp - tion's song!

CHORUS

Sing the sweet sto - ry re - demp - tion's sweet
 Sing it a - gain, sing the sweet song, sing the sweet sto - ry, re -

song;
 demp - tion's sweet song; O - ver and O - ver the cho - rus pro
 long; O - ver and O - ver the
 demp - tion's sweet song; Sing it a - gain, sing it a - gain, O - ver and O - ver the

long; Shout the glad mes - sage and
 cho - rus pro - long Shout it a - gain, sing the sweet song,

HYMN #1

join with the throng Ev - er we'll sing
Shout the glad mes - sage and join in the throng,

praise to the King, Sing - ing re - demp - tion's song.
won - der - ful song.

The musical score is written in a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the last two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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A Wonderful Savior

HE HIDETH MY SOUL

Fanny J. Crosby, 1890

William J. Kirkpatrick, 1890

1. A won-der-ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, A won-der-ful Sav - ior to
 2. A won-der-ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, He tak - eth my bur - den a -
 3. With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment He crowns, And filled with His full - ness di -
 4. When clothed in His bright - ness, trans - port - ed I rise To meet Him in clouds of the

me; He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock, Where riv - ers of pleas - ure I
 way; He hold - eth me up, and I shall not be moved, He giv - eth me strength as my
 vine, I sing in my rap - ture, O glo - ry to God For such a Re - deem - er as
 sky, His per - fect sal - va - tion, His won - der - ful love, I'll shout with the mil - lions on

CHORUS

see.
 day. He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock That shad - ows a dry, thirsty land;
 mine!
 high.

He hid - eth my life in the depths of His love, And cov - ers me there with His

hand, And cov - ers me there with His hand.

Beulah Land

Edgar Page

Jno. R. Sweney

1. I've reached the land of love di - vine And all its rich - es free - ly mine; Here
 2. My Sav - ior comes and walks with me, And sweet com - mun - ion here have we; He
 3. A sweet per - fume up - on the breeze, Is borne from ev - er - ver - nal trees, And
 4. The zeph - yrs seem to float to me, Sweet sounds of heav - en's mel - o - dy, As

shines un - dimmed one bliss - ful day, For all my night has passed a - way
 gent - ly leads me by His hand, For this is heav - en's bor - der - land.
 flow'rs that, nev - er - fad - ing, grow Where streams of life for ev - er flow.
 an - gels with the white-robed throng Join in the sweet Re - demp - tion song.

O Beu - lah Land, sweet Beu - lah Land, As on thy high - est mount I stand, I

look a - way a - cross the sea, Where man - sions are pre - pared for me, And

view the shin - ing glo - ry - shore, My heav'n, my home for ev - er - more!

CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT (PART 1)

*Adapted from
bro Chan Yong Yaw*

Governments Are Instituted by God

Authority is indispensable in daily life. Parents are the authority at home. The school has the board, principal and faculty. We understand too that employers have certain authority over the employees. And of course, the highest authority in any country is the government.

God, however, is the ultimate authority. This is true regardless of whether one is a believer or not. The Bible reveals: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen 1:1).

The psalmist adds: "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and

established it upon the floods" (Psa 24:1-2).

God is the Creator and He is the Ruler of the Universe; He possesses all power and authority. Therefore, we must obey His will as it is laid out for us in His written Word

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AND

WHATSOEVER

YE DO

IN WORD OR

DEED, DO ALL IN

THE NAME OF

THE LORD JESUS,

GIVING THANKS

TO GOD AND

THE FATHER

BY HIM.

”

(COL 3:17)

Because God has all power and authority, it logically follows that all civil power is delegated by God. The Lord Jesus, in the midst of the proceedings that would culminate in His death, reminded the Roman governor of his position in the grand hierarchy:

“Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin” (John 19:10-11).

The sovereign God has given every one of us—Christians and non-Christians—a responsibility to our earthly government. The apostle emphasizes that non-compliance to the government is akin to disobeying God the result of which is spiritual death.

“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. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation” (Rom 13:1, 2).

God has given every nation a civil government to preserve law and order. It is His will that governments promote righteousness and suppress wickedness. Yes, it is true that men often go against the will of God and govern unjustly. These wicked rulers shall appear before the Christ in judgment.

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats” (Mat 25:31-32).

A righteous government serves the purpose of God in

providing a safe environment for citizens and residents to live and to uphold law and order in the land.

“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: 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” (Rom 13:3, 4).

Some may wonder why they should vote since God is the One who institutes governments. Here we see the providence of God at work. Although the New Testament tells us that the sovereign God institutes governments, it does not provide the specifics on how He does so.

Within a democratic system, God has allowed that the people have the right to vote. With this right comes the responsibility to carefully consider which candidates are best suited to carry out the duties of public officers. It is therefore the Christian’s responsibility to use this avenue to help steer the governing powers toward the will of God.

But if an individual finds themselves under the rule of a government that they did not vote for or even agree with ideologically, does it excuse that individual from obedience to that government. In our next installment we will turn our focus toward the Christian’s responsibilities as it regards obedience to the government.



May God bless us with wisdom to vote wisely

SIGN UP TODAY!

Bible Quiz 2020

GEN 1-30

10 AUG 10 AM

HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, bro Eddy (JCOC)'s health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle
- Yixian (sis Siew Siew's friend)'s recovery from her operation (removal of cyst) & her salvation.
- Claire (sis Rhui Yin's daughter)'s recovery from her fractured leg

OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco



PREGNANCY

- Sis Melissa (Aug)



NSF

- Bro Shawn
- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang




THIS WEEK

6 Jul (Mon) - Charles & Lydia

9 Jul (Thu) - Swee Inn & Debbie

NEXT WEEK

12 Jul (Sun) - Kim Tian & Lois

13 Jul (Mon) - Victor

16 Jul (Thu) - Emmanuel

MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)	5 JUL	12 JUL
SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER	JEREMY KWAN	ERNEST LAU
SERMON TITLE	THE CHRISTIAN & THE GOVERNMENT	STEPHANUS: THE ADDICTED MINISTER
PREACHER	BENJAMIN KWAN	JIMMY LAU
LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER	ERNEST LAU	ANDY LIN
MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)	9 JUL	16 JUL
BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER	GENESIS 26 ERNEST LAU	GENESIS 27 ERNEST LAU