

The Kingdom of God and the Governments of the World Influence



Scriptures

- **Matthew 22:15-21**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, “Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the poll-tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesars’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”

- **Genesis 41:44**

“...Though I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

- **Genesis 45:7-8**

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh...

Other Scriptures

- Matthew 5:13-16
- Esther 8:1-7
- Matthew 24:7-14
- Matt.5:13
- Gen. 47:13-27
- I Tim. 2:1-2
- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Math 24:15

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Main Points

- Should Christianity and politics ever mix?
- The Kingdom of God can influence the earthly sphere of politics.
- As believers, we are to influence every sphere of earth.
- In the Bible, God used His prophetic voices to influence earthly governments.
- In Scripture, the Lord used men and women to influence political figures that did not share their faith.
- Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jews from Haman's plot to destroy them.
- We should be involved in the political process at the level that God calls us to.
- Even if the world is on a downward trajectory, it does not mean believers should retreat and do nothing.
- Do not lose heart! Be a force of light and influence where you can.
- Even though things might seem to be going wrong, God is still working out His story.
- Let us not abandon praying for leaders who are unbelievers.
- We should pray for our leaders and have a voice of truth.
- Let us be true to God in our politics.

Discussion Questions

1. No matter what your political affiliation or lack of affiliation, can you have a role in the political direction of your country? How so? Do you think the Enemy would wish to discourage you in praying for leadership, or voting when things are so tumultuous or less than desirable? What should be our response?
2. The Rabbi used the example of Joseph to teach how God can use godly believers in unbelieving, ungodly governments. While we may not be able to be a Joseph, how can we use the power of prayer to bring about such relationships in government? Begin or continue to pray for your own government.
3. Americans still have the ability to be involved in government at all levels, either personally in leadership, or in the spiritual realm through praying for officials. What is God calling you to do?