

## **Chapter 11: Christian Political Conservatism (CPC)**

### **Life Application Verses:**

**Matthew 22: 15-22.** 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 Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.” And hearing *this*, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.

**Y**ou might think that in a book that is Heavenly Minded, there is no room for political commentary or that Christians should be focused on God to the exclusion of all else (make sure to understand that God comes before all else, but when we were saved in Christ Jesus, we weren’t ‘snatched away’ from this Earth—not yet!). Sorry, I don’t think this scripture from Jesus allows that luxury. In fact, He spells out our responsibility as people of this planet and what our Earthly Good should be! Okay, I can hear the hmmm and ugh vibes rising from the pages of this text. Unless you have been a practicing Ostrich lately, you must know that our world is a dangerous place, with political unrest all across the globe. In fact, the political unrest is at our front doorstep. The question that we must ask ourselves is, “What do we as Born Again, Followers of Christ, Christians, do about it?” I believe Jesus answered that question long before we arrived at the current location on our timeline of humanity. We have dual-citizenship: one to Caesar and one to Heaven.

Our future home is Heaven, and the *MapQuests* of our lives already have the road(s) clearly marked: “FINAL DESTINATION: HEAVEN.” But, we haven’t arrived yet, although that destination for the Children of God is assured. While we are here, Caesar is a force that must be reckoned with in terms of our paying taxes, electing representatives, and our liberties. Jesus didn’t say, “Ignore Caesar and give only to God.” The reality is that we live in this world in a physical dimension that we call the human body. We have minds, movement skills, and we can reason, think, and act. God gave us Free Will and He has not yet revoked this gift. You have an absolute right to do as you please, provided you don’t break a law—manmade or God’s law—or

what I refer to as “illegal, unethical, or immoral.” But you also have a responsibility to render to God, as Jesus instructed us to do. We can, of course, choose one over the other or favor one and dislike the other or any variation to the nth degree you decide.

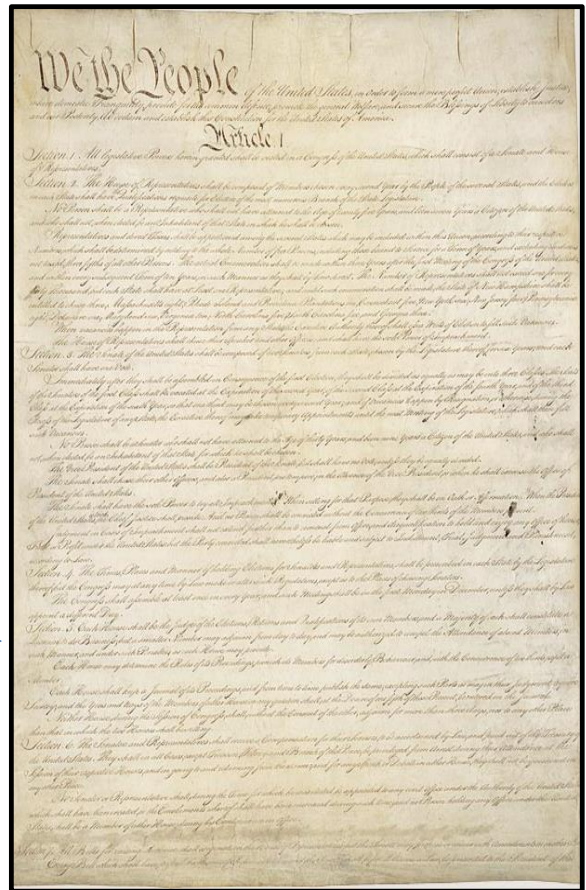
Problem: Let’s remember that our absolute first priority is to render to God that which is God’s. Let’s further assume that we do this to the utmost in our lives. Well, are you still in your physical body? Did God take you as He did Enoch? Or do we have a responsibility to be intentional in our rendering to Caesar? In other words, for the Christian, rendering to God is a natural by-product of accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior; moreover, for the Christian, while we remain in these physical bodies and existences, we should render to Caesar our taxes, community service, and stand firm in our beliefs in our God and His direction for our way of living. Look at it this way: if we have no political curiosity to find out about the person who is running for office to represent us, what will he or she represent? ... His or her non-Christian beliefs? His or her politically correct opinion that abortion is simply a matter of words on paper that gives the right of termination for a beating heart? More taxes and wasteful spending? In short, should we as a conservative base throw mud and curse and tear down our system of laws or government? You already know that this is not the case. Then, please tell me what we should do? Hold your horses, okay...here is what I think as an ordinary Christian living for Christ.

We should render to Caesar *after* we have rendered to God in prayer and tithing and helping our neighbor. We must inform Caesar that our voice of unity is the Trumpet Call of God. When we splinter ourselves across factions of various tenets of expected outcomes, we play into the hands of Caesar. Why can’t the Christian community as a body of believers in the One True God speak as a voice that ‘significantly disturbs’ the unholy leaders we have in our political seats across this nation? Jesus didn’t say to be unruly, but He surely DID NOT say to lie down and let Caesar run over you like some minor speed bump on the way to laws contrary to God’s Laws. Render to Caesar is to stand up continuously and move the needle of opinion towards a more central point of focus—God centered focus. Right about now, you might be thinking, “Yeah, right. We’ve tried and it has failed.” Simply put, if I am Caesar and my opponents are splintered across so many differences, I can simply turn them against one

another and the battle is won by default. In this context as just noted, we ARE just minor speed-bumps in the process!

Jesus knew some 2,000+ years ago that we would be in our current political situation. When He stated to us, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s”, He surely didn’t mean for us to be a small voice in the nations of this world. He meant for us to be His voice, to be the voice of our God, to move like a mighty wave against the enemy (enemy here is a generic term for corrupt policies, immoral laws of the land, insidious spending, and so forth). Heavenly Minded and Christian Political Conservatism should not be dichotomies to those of us who are followers of Christ. God has given us a Guide, the Holy Bible, and we should be Heavenly Minded as we render to God, and Earthly Good as we render to Caesar. Better yet, if we fail to do Earthly Good in the political arena, we allow our enemy to win battle-after-battle, and soon we have lost the war. God didn’t lose the battle or the war because the outcome will be His. Our job is to be His voice, His feet, and His work while we are here. Our coins today still carry the message of: In God We Trust. Do we? Do we Trust in God, pray for guidance, and then get involved in the business of Christian Political Conservatism? Is this activity against the Will of a Holy God? Not in a million years.

Do you know what this item is? It is the original copy of The Constitution of the United States. Have you ever read it? Have your ever read the writings of the ‘Founding Fathers?’ Have



you ever read the Bill of Rights and other original legislation? The ‘Founding Fathers’ use the name of God in their writings often and even in national documents to enable them to make wise decisions for this nation. If they thought enough of God to call upon Him in the ‘framing of

a nation under God', then in our politically correct, modernistic society, and in Light of the words of the Son of God in Matthew 22: 15-22, how can we do less in our guidance to Caesar? Re-read the words of Jesus: "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 Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." And hearing *this*, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away."

Jesus was tested by these 'hypocrites', but when the Truth was presented, "they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away." Let me state it like this: I am not advocating extremes, such as what we might think of in terms of "far right, or far left." I am advocating a unified voice in the Christian Political Conservatism arena that ***validates a Voice for God***. This Voice is heard loudly, clearly, and politically to the extent that our political leaders 'tremble' at the Truth "a" Christian Political Conservatism movement espouses. We don't threaten, we don't shout obscenities, and we don't dishonor the Voice of God. We do, however, speak with a voice that says to our leaders that you can no longer destroy the innocent lives of the unborn, you can no longer abuse the Holy Word of God by creating laws that are so clearly anti-God, and we Pray to God for His power to "rain down" on this Nation to cause these leaders to 'tremble' before a Holy and Just God. I believe that God is angry about the direction this nation is taking. And He warns us in Hebrews 10: 31, "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God." I remember sermons in the Churches we attended growing up: hot, loud, Fire and Brimstone, and falling into the hands of an angry God. It got my attention!!!

How many people in this nation fear God? In Psalms 111: 10, God tells us very plainly and clearly: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever." So, I ask again: how many people in the United States fear the Lord God of Heaven, the God of All Creation, the Father of Jesus Christ, the One who gives Life and takes it away, the One Who causes the sea to go this far and no further...Fear the Lord? I'm not sure the majority of this nation even knows who God is? OF course, poll-after-poll says something to the effect that 92% or 87% or whatever of the respondents state that they: believe in God, call themselves Christian, etc., etc., and ad

nauseam. Let me get this straight: 92% Christians, Fear God, yet we abort babies, live as Sodom and Gomorrah, and kill our neighbors as if life is a commodity like bread on store shelves. How can you Fear God and kill the unborn? IF you can reconcile that to me, please help me understand. **Better yet, get on your knees and reconcile that to God! And remember:** “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” So, I’d be careful about telling God it’s okay to take the life of the unborn before His presence because He has already stated what He thinks about our national outcomes, laws, and political posturing!

Hey, I’m not a perfect individual. I ADMIT that BEFORE God! That does not give me excuse to be in a position like the people shown in this image. Rather, I surely hear the evil out there in the political landscape; I see the evil every day in the news broadcasts; and, my ears burn from the evil spoken across this land. Should we fight evil with evil? No. We should fight



evil with the Power of God leading the charge. When we see laws that we know are against God’s Word, we must Pray like we have never Prayed before. I believe that God answers Prayer and when the Prayer line is ‘burning up’ with petitions against unjust laws or unethical outcomes, the more we Pray the more that God will intervene. What will He do? He will do what a Just and Holy God does. I consider Christian Political Conservatism to be based on Heavenly Minded principles; our Earthly Good is to be Faithful before God. When Man’s Law trumps God’s Law, there is a serious breach of Heaven and Earth. And you know what? Heaven’s Law will **ALWAYS** win out. Always! God WILL NOT BE MOCKED! That is absolute.

Should we become angry and call others names, whether on the ‘left, right, middle, sideways, or upside-down?’ No, of course not. IN fact, God defines anger as “Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God” (James 1: 19-20). Christian Political Conservatism is not practiced from uncontrollable anger to violence; CPC is righteous anger that is a result of simple mockery of what the Bible says about life, fairness, and goodness. As true-believing Christians know, God will not be mocked: “Do **not** be deceived, God will **not** be mocked; For whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption,

but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us **not** lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do **not** grow weary” (Galatians 6: 7-9). (Emphasis mine)

As a Christian, one who lives life as a simple person, trying to do the best that I can before my God and fellow man, it is my (our) responsibility to be involved in the political arena. God will not let this mockery of His Laws continue; He will, and I believe is already beginning, to shake the very foundation from under our feet. Until He so moves His Mighty Right Hand in force as we have never seen, it is our God-given responsibility to be involved in the process of Christian Political Conservatism. The coins we use still have the words, *In God We Trust*, on them. We pay Caesar with those coins and bills and we Pray to that God In Whom We Trust. Let us be His voice while there is still time. When the sun sets and our nation has forgotten The Son that will never set, it will be too late for countless people in this nation and around the world—politically, socially, Eternally, and otherwise.

**A Question of Curiosity:**

If your vote doesn't matter and you stay home and fail to vote, what expectation should you have when so many failed votes result in Man's Laws opposing God's Laws? Vote now or forever hold your peace—because soon enough you may no longer have peace.

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**"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."**

*~ George Washington ~*

**"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever; That a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become probable by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event."**

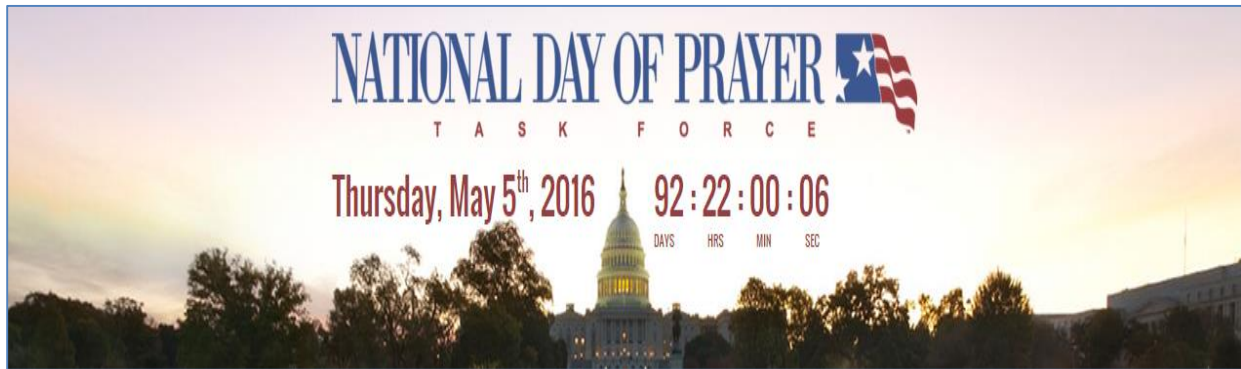
*~ Thomas Jefferson ~*

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### My Prayer For You:

God, I am afraid for my nation. I am sorrowful that we have nations on this Earth that care more about what they say than what they do. We cry out for the Sanctity of Human Life, but we terminate the lives of the unborn as if it were but a minor thing to do before Your Eyes. As You judged Israel in the years before and after you brought them out of Egypt, I fear that my country is soon going to Fall into the Hands of a God that is angered by what He has seen this nation do. We are a sinful and self-serving nation, O Lord, and yet there are many in our nation that Call Upon Your Holy Name. I ask that You would protect Your Faithful servants, give them strength to Walk by Faith in a faithless land, and if Your Will is to be fulfilled in the Trumpet Call, let it be so. I Pray that until that Trumpet Call is sounded, that we Christians might be led by You in shaping the laws of this land to coincide with the Laws of our Holy and Righteous God. I fear that our land is quickly becoming the Sodom and Gomorrah of our recent times. For the sake of the Faithful and Righteous, Heal our Land, Hear our Cries, and Give us the strength to be the politicians that Serve You in Holy Obedience. As a nation, we have lost our way and The Light of Your Grace shines brightly to those who seek Your Face; yet, there are those who avoid this Light because it feeds their indignation towards The One True God. It is our responsibility to Pray for our political leaders, and when those leaders become contrary to Your Word, it becomes our further responsibility to stand up, take office, and return the Laws of this Land to You. In the name of the Son of God, I offer this prayer, Amen.

### Final Word:



At the time of this writing, The National Day of Prayer is scheduled to occur on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. What do the citizens, in general, of the United States think of this? Do liberals think it ridiculous? Do conservatives see it as more important than legislation? Do independents have an opinion? No matter how we as a group of people in America view it, God sees it as a remembrance of Him. There are those who will say that God is a myth, prayer is a farce, and that all this religious stuff is bunk. Know this: God does not depend on disbelief, **He Is Who He Is!** Our attitude, willful disbelief, and total disregard for His Law, Love, and Salvation will not be mocked by our 'fist-in-His-face.' He will NOT be mocked and one day, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Whether you believe THAT or not does not negate Truth as God has given us in His Holy Bible. One day, Eternity will call your name. Refuse God's Gift and Eternity will still call your name, but that eternity is horrible to contemplate!

## Christians and Politics

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Of two Dominions you are to nod;  
One to Caesar the other to God;  
Of one Dominion MAN is king,  
God to them is a minor thing.  
The other Dominion CHRIST *is* King,  
God to them is a major thing.  
Christians and politics? - water and oil,  
Freedom of Worship – upon our soil.

Laws are made to keep God out;  
“I will not be mocked,” hear God shout;  
My people will Pray and I shall hear,  
I’ll rumble your nation, and you *will* fear.  
For in the Hands of an Angry God,  
Face down you’ll fall upon My sod,  
Every knee *will* bend, every tongue confess,  
I gave you Jesus, and you made a mess.

A nation born of Verse and Prayer,  
You, Oh man, so full of air,  
So brash to think your laws trump Me,  
I Am That I Am, *do you not see?*  
That I protect My Children so Dear,  
Spare not My Wrath, and you *will* fear.  
Removed my Name, and Prayer in Schools,  
Legislate God?! You band of fools!

It is my Prayer that our nation wake up before it is truly too late. God is not going to be mocked by our man-made laws that contradict His Laws! Oh, Lord, that we might realize this before Your Blessing is removed from The United States of America. May God Bless America remain!

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR UNDERLYING TRUTH OF WHO WE ARE FIGHTING!**



Before we end this discussion, let's be clear about something: you MUST understand that when Christian Political Conservatism is discussed, AND it includes individuals who make poor laws, decisions, and so forth, from what do THEY base their decisions? Is it that they are the enemy? Or as Paul noted below, who is the enemy and how do we participate in CRC when our real enemy is the devil? Read the Words of God below, as written by Paul in Ephesians 6: 10-18 (TLB/NIV). Then **PRAY** for guidance so that in light of God's Words, we might be able to be strong in our Christian Political Conservatism by following the Words and Guidance of God. Our enemy uses individuals in office to influence them to make laws that are against the Holiness of God. I didn't say this stuff was easy; but you know what? We have a God who has given us Victory in Christ Jesus---THAT'S The Power of God in our lives to practice what we have been given in Ephesians 6: 10-18 **AND** to be active in Christian Political Conservatism. AMEN!!!

**Ephesians 6:10-18 Living Bible (TLB)**

<sup>10</sup> Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. <sup>13</sup> So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up. <sup>14</sup> But to do this, you will need the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of God's approval. <sup>15</sup> Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God. <sup>16</sup> In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. <sup>17</sup> And you will need the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the Word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

**Ephesians 6:10-18 New International Version (NIV)**

**The Armor of God**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.