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Sunday Mornings Messages

March 26 – “Remembering God – Work Place”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

April 2 – “Remembering God – Church”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

April 9 – “Remembering the Resurrection”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

April 16 – “Remembering God – Sexuality”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

April 23 – “Remembering God – Parenting and Grandparenting”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

April 30 – “Remembering God – Money”

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

Sunday Evening Messages

March 19 – “Rejoice – The Free Gift”

(Romans 5:12-21) Pastor Peter Molina

March 26 – “Transformed – Dead to Sin”

(Romans 6:1-14) Pastor Peter Molina

April 2 – Easter Musical

April 9 – No PM Service

“Remembering God – Politics”

March 19, 2023
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ephesians 2:10 – *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 – *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*

Two Foundational Biblical Truths for Understanding Politics and Government

1. The _____ God has set for righteousness are for _____ good
 - a. “Good” is what God approves
 - i. Luke 18:18 – *A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (19) And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.*
2. _____ is for the good of the people
 - a. Romans 13:1-8 - *Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is not authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. (2) Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. (3) For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; (4) for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one*

who practices evil. (5) Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. (6) For because of this you will also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. (7) Render to all what is due them; tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. (8) Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who lives his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

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Have Godly People in the Bible Been Involved Politically?

1. _____

- a. Daniel 4:27 – *‘Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you; break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.’*

2. _____

- a. Luke 3:18 – *So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people. (19) But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done. (20) Herod also added this to them all; he locked John up in prison.*

3. _____

- a. Acts 24:24 – *But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.*

Why Should I Be Involved in Politics and Government?

1. Without _____ influence, government will have no clear _____

2. We are commanded to _____
 - a. Matthew 22:39 – *“The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

3. We are commanded to _____
 - a. Psalm 82:3 – *Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. (4) Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.*

4. We should _____ the gifts God has given us well
 - a. i.e. Religion, Speech and Voting

How Should a Christian Vote?

Christians should support: _____

Minimum baseline Christian responsibility: _____
_____ (Biblically & Politically)

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