

The Message

Pastor Ron Smith

Caesar as God's Minister

Romans 13



The Truth

The Ruler in Government Is God's Minister

Romans 13 tells us

1. "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.
2. "Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.
3. "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.
4. "For **he is God's minister** to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for **he is God's minister**, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil."



The Truth

Various Types of Government

Timocracy is a republic ruled by honorable men.

Oligarchy is a republic ruled by rich men for more money.

Democracy is rule by the people (spoiled by freedom).

Anarchy is “no rules.”

Tyranny is rule by a tyrant elected by the people (Caesar, Hitler).

Monarchy is rule by a king.



The Truth

Psalm 110:1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”
5The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

In Isaiah God says to His Son, “The Nation and kingdom that will not obey You shall be destroyed.”



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God said to Nebuchadnezzar, “seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (Daniel 4:25b).



The Truth

**“Shall the throne of iniquity, which
devises evil by law, Have fellowship with
You?” (Psalm 94:20)**



The Truth

God Uses Ungodly Authoritarianism to Test Us

Babylon – 600 BC

Antiochus Epiphenes 170 BC

Rome



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The Rebel's Excuses

If a pastor or a boss is a tyrant we could use that as an excuse to rebel.

If a pastor or a boss is stupid we could use that as an excuse to rebel.



The Truth

Who Are the Socialists?

FACT: Obama and the Liberals favor socialism, abortion, and gay marriage.

Conservatives want to conserve traditional values.
Conservative Christians want to change back to
God's Law.



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**Vatican official attacks U.S. Democrats
as “party of death”
(Archbishop Raymond Burke).**



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