

NEWS AND UPDATES: WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY BIBLICAL GOVERNANCE

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Communication Sent to the City of Walker

Dear Commission of the City of Walker:

I would like to introduce you to the efforts of our West Michigan Chapter of the Campaign for Community Biblical Governance. We are seeking to encourage community leaders to govern in accordance with Biblical principles to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. We read in Psalm 2 how God calls civil magistrates to “kiss the Son” in their leadership:

“...Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son...”

And we read in Jonah 3 the important role that the civil rulers in Nineveh played in the repentance and reformation there:

“...the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. FOR [or BECAUSE] word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.”

And the godly rulers of Israel and Judah were those that obeyed God and upheld His moral law as summarized in the Ten Commandments.

Nor dare civil rulers not uphold God’s revealed moral law, on the excuse that the federal government will not allow such, for God’s word is that “we ought to obey God rather than men” and God alone is chief “governor among the nations”. The Ten Commandments of Jesus Christ are supreme over all laws, mandates, and pronouncements of human governments, including the US federal government. We ought to respect the federal government and obey it as much as possible, but not when it commands that which is immoral. In cases of the latter, local civil magistrates should respectfully communicate their duty to uphold God’s moral law, while acknowledging their respect for the higher magistrate and intention to follow him so long as he does not command them to do that which is contrary to Biblical morality.

Let me suggest one important initial action you could take, that a Supervisor in another township here in West Michigan is spearheading in his Township: pass a resolution of the Commission to the following effect, “we proclaim and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of the City of Walker, looking to Him as Savior from the transgressions committed by the people of the Township, and resolving by God’s grace to follow Him in gratitude in accordance with Biblical principles.” Such a city resolution provides a clear Biblical direction for everything the Commission does.

We will be praying that God would help you as you lead in your town. And we would encourage the City of Walker Commission to pray for wisdom from God to rule in accordance with His will. Finally, we look forward to an opportunity to discuss these matters with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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The Basis, Means and End of our Salvation – What Does it Teach about Governance?

The basis, means and end of salvation are summarized in Isaiah 45:22-25:

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth [in] righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall [one] say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: [even] to him shall [men] come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.”

The basis is God and His righteousness (imputed to the elect sinner), the means is looking unto God (in faith) as He is revealed in the Bible, and the end is glorifying God by submission to Him. We can deduce much about sound governance from this great Biblical truth; here are some to consider. First, all sound governance must have as its foundation God and His word. Second, all sound governance must call men to look in faith to God. And third, all sound governance must seek submission of men to God through obedience to His moral law. If we are Christians, we should want to be part of a community characterized by such sound governance.

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