

Choose Your King Today

What is a King?

- King: “one who rules a kingdom”
- Subject: “one under the power or sovereignty of another or others”
- Sovereign: “supreme lawmaking authority”
- Choosing your king means deciding who or what you will subject yourself to as having supreme lawmaking authority over you

Three Kings

- Personal Rule – “I am king of the world!!”
- Governmental Rule – “The man is the servant of the state”
- Divine Rule – “God rules in the affairs of men”

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- A Personal King (Jud. 21:25)
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Psalms 74:12-13 NASB

Yet God is my king from of old, Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth. 13 You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.

Joshua 24:14-15 NKJV

14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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Judges 21:25 NKJV

In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did what was right in his own
eyes.

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1 Sam. 12:8-25

12 And when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the LORD your God was your king. 13 "Now therefore, here is the king whom you have chosen and whom you have desired. And take note, the LORD has set a king over you.... 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. 25 But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

Hosea 13:9-11 NKJV

"O Israel, you are destroyed, But your help is from Me. 10 I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'? 11 I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath.

In Our Country

- Two opposing currents of opinion
 - Statists
 - Individualists
- Both are WRONG
- AND both are RIGHT that the OTHER is WRONG

Which Tool?



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Quote from Benjamin Franklin...

“How has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbling applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection.

“Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor... And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?

Quote from Benjamin Franklin...

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

"We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages ..."

Quote from Benjamin Franklin...

“I therefore beg leave to move -- that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business...”

The Solution

- Not the kingship of self
- Not the kingship of the state or society
- But the only king in history that truly rules by Divine right, because He IS DIVINE – Jesus Christ, the king of kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16)

How Should We Behave Before a King?

- Honor Him – Eccl. 10:20
- Obey Him, value His presence, do not rebuke Him – Eccl. 8:2-4
- Seek His favor - Prov. 16:15; 19:5
- Do not provoke Him - Prov. 20:2
- Be humble before Him - Prov. 25:6-7

Luke 9:18-27 NASB

And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?" 19 They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again." 20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." 21 But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

Luke 9:18-27 NASB

23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. 24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. 25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? 26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. 27 "But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."