

## **America In Crisis - 4** **Forms and Levels of Government**

### 1. GOD'S GOVERNMENT - Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJ)

Matthew 6:33

Romans 13:1 – “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

John 17:2 – “For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.”

John 19:10-11 (KJV) PILATE

- Pilate thought he had power IN and OF himself.
- Pilate's sin was abuse of power.
- The people's sin was using politics for a sinful cause or selfish gain.

### 2. SELF GOVERNMENT – Roman 14:10-13 (KJ)

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 – all of our actions will be judged by fire.

GOD'S SOVERIEGN – Psalms 24:1 “The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE – Psalms 115:16 “The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

God has ownership

Man has stewardship (Rulership/Dominion – Genesis 1:26-28)

Proverbs 25:28 “A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.”

Vulnerable (easily overtaken)

### 3. FAMILY GOVERNMENT – God created marriage; the home before Israel/civil gov. /the Church.

Genesis 2:25-25

Ephesians 5:22-23

Ephesians 6:1-4

2 Thessalonians 3:8-16 (Vs. 10-11)  
1 Timothy 5:8

#### 4. CHURCH GOVERNMENT – (Hebrews 13:7 & 17) (KJV)

Acts 20:28  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13  
1 Timothy 3:4-5  
1 Peter 5:1-4

#### 5. CIVIL GOVERNMENT (Romans 13:1-7) (KJ)

1 Peter 3:11-17 (vs. 14) “But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t worry or be afraid of their threats.”

Romans 13:1 – civil government is ordained of God  
Romans 13:3 – they are a terror to evil  
Romans 13:4 – they are ministers of God  
Romans 13:6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> time they are called ministers

#1 Restrain and punish evil doers  
#2 Reward those who do good

Titus 3:1  
1 Tim 2:1-4

Pray for and obey government authorities UNLESS it forbids what God requires or requires what God forbids, IN WHICH CASE Christians cannot submit and some form of peaceful, loving, civil disobedience becomes inescapable. (Acts 4,5)