

UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS “Civil Government”

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1. “Civil government” or “governing authority” came about after the _____ & via the _____ Covenant. Here man was given *divine authority* to _____ mankind & to _____ in the world.
2. God established the _____ with mankind & the animals and called it an “_____ covenant” as it has _____ been rescinded and is still in effect _____ (9:8-11a)

- What did the Noahic Covenant state? (Genesis 9)

- 1) (9:1) – So God _____ Noah and his sons, and said to them : “be _____ & _____ and fill the earth... ie... have _____ as this was designed to fulfill the second & third divine institutions, of “*marriage & the family*”.
- 2) (9:2-3) – Man’s Responsible Dominion Mandate over the _____ was still within man’s dominion, allowing him now to _____ as part of his diet.
- 3) (9:3-4) – Man was told he could _____ the flesh of animals, but not with the _____ !

- Why was man now allowed to eat meat?

- 4) (9:5-6) – Under the Noahic Covenant, God demanded a _____ , a _____ for the shedding of another man’s blood... this was for _____ !
- 5) God here instituted _____ which has never been rescinded by Him

- **God’s point here:** human beings, and all their _____ structures, are to _____ human life because it is uniquely _____ to God!

- 6) So with this new dispensation and revelation came another divine institution, that of _____ !
- 7) Human government’s objective should be to _____ human life and to _____ those have no regard for human life!

- Human Government = a system of administration by which a community is managed, controlled, or restrained by laws that are hopefully.... _____ & _____!
- Even in governments that seek to be righteous, that seek to have their laws written after righteous biblical principles, they still make _____ & sooner or later men & women are put to _____ for a crime they did not commit!
- Since that happens in any society, even our own! The death penalty is to be _____ to the best of our _____ in determining someone's _____ in a court of law!
- Because of the fear of being *wrong*, governments have _____ about using capital punishment by stating something like this...
 - Man's view - "it is better for 100 _____ persons to go *free*, than for _____ innocent person to die *unjustly*!"
 - God's view - "it is better if _____ innocent person *dies* than for _____ guilty persons to go *free*!"
 - What does this mean for you?
- Now God has graciously invested His authority in _____

Romans 13:1-7

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Titus 3:1-2

1 Peter 2:13-17

- What if men don't govern justly? (Acts 5:29)
- Is Satan against human government?
- How will God work this out?