

A Bible Study for Changing Times:  
Christians and Politics

**On God's Control:**

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water:  
he turneth it whithersoever he will. Proverbs 21:1

Lift not up your horn on high:  
speak not with a stiff neck.  
For promotion cometh neither from the east,  
nor from the west, nor from the south.  
But God is the judge:  
he putteth down one, and setteth up another.  
For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red;  
it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same:  
but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.  
Psalm 75:5-8

**On Peace through every circumstance:**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on thee:  
because he trusteth in thee.  
Trust ye in the Lord for ever:  
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength: Isaiah 26:3-4

Great peace have they which love thy law:  
and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 119:165

**On God's eternal perspective:**

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:8-10

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1

### **On God's instructions in reaching out to those who oppose themselves:**

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 1 Peter 3:15-16

Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Philippians 2:14-16

### **On the inevitable persecution to come:**

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Matthew 5:10-12

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. John 15:20

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Romans 12:14

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

### **On Prayer:**

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:14-16

## On Engaging the Enemy:

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:11-13

Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.  
Jude 8-9

**Verses to add:**

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