

Romans # 174

“There’s No Need to Fear”

Romans 13:3-4 Exodus 2:1-3 Hebrews 11:32-38

We can certainly defend ourselves during an in-progress attack but otherwise, we defer to the Lord’s wrath and His divine institution of the governmental ordained magistrates of law-enforcement and the courts.

God works through His authority system which is designated to inflict His punishment as needed.

Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

Romans 13 instructs us in how we relate to our government and how it’s sanctioned by God to do our bidding in providing reprisal.

So, if I don’t leave the abuser of authority to God, it backfires on me and I receive the judgment the abuser deserves.

Abuse of authority must be tolerated as long as we’re not demanded to break God’s laws, personally.

1st Peter 2:13-14 “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

***1st Peter 2:15** “For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.”*

***1st Peter 2:16-17** “Live as free people but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”*

***Acts 4:18-21** “Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you or to Him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them because all the people were praising God for what had happened.”*

And no matter how disastrous things appear to be or really are, God still has a purpose for us and catastrophe must not hinder our advance to maturity.

God will continue to provide biblical truth for us to advance plus prosperity in times of catastrophe and He will provide the right death at the right time no matter how unjust it appears, as He did with the apostle Paul.

Many unbelievers understand freedom better than believers, so, many unbelievers are better guardians of freedom than believers.

Rebellious believers are easily swayed by socialist principles of evil, like ‘the greater good for the greater number’ which eventually destroys human freedom.

An attack on freedom anywhere is an attack on freedom everywhere.