

Paying Your Taxes, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 13:6-7.

B. Man is a product of fallen-ness and Satanic activity. Satan is basically in charge of the kingdoms of the world. (Matthew 4; 1 John 5; Luke 4; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

1. Certain demons associate themselves with certain nations. (Daniel 10; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)

2. Satan is a pervasive world power influencing the world.

3. Although nations are ordained by God, they are not necessarily run by God.

C. God expects us to submit. (Numbers 16)

II. The reason we pay our taxes is because the government is a service of God. (Hebrews 1)

III. Government should govern by the standards God has established.

IV. All authority of any kind is given from the Lord. (Psalm 92-94; 96:3; 97:5; 98:2, 6, 9; 83)

V. Principles to hold leaders to. (Jeremiah 1:9-10)

A. They serve a divine purpose.

B. They are to be humble and serious towards their commission. (Isaiah 13:9, 11)

C. They are not to get away with not enforcing punishment. (Jeremiah 34:8)

D. They are not to be preoccupied with their own welfare at the expense of others.

E. They are to enforce public morality.

VI. A Christian is called to both give money and respect to our leaders as a service to the Lord.

Application Questions:

1. Why should Christians pay their taxes?

2. What expectations can Christians have of their leaders when their government is largely secular? Explain.

3. What are some reasonable expectations to have of leaders? What are some unreasonable expectations to have?
