

The Priority of the Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But <u>seek first the kingdom of God and</u>

His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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God's priority for man has always been to seek the Kingdom that God had originally prepared for him. The kingdom is more important than any of man's "basic needs", because the most basic need of man is GOD's KINGDOM...

- 90% of all national and international problems in our world today are the result of either government, or religion...
- The need for government and order is inherent in the human spirit and is a manifestation of a divine mandate given to mankind by the Creator...

- Man's need for some formal government structure is an outgrowth of his need for social order and relationship management...
- The mandate of the Creator for mankind was rulership and dominion...

Some governments are better than others, but *all* are inferior to God's government – the Kingdom of Heaven...

- Feudalism as a concept of governing was a derivative of the original government established in the Garden of Eden under the first man, Adam, who himself was made the landlord of the Earth...
- Feudalism is an illustration of the danger of putting the authority that belongs to the King of Heaven into the hands of ungodly and unrighteous human kings and lords...

- A dictatorship is a government that concentrates its power and authority in the hands of one individual who wields absolute authority unrestricted by laws, constitution, or any other social/political factor...
- Communism is man's attempt to control land and people by the exercise of dictatorship...
- Communism is an attempt to establish a kingdom without righteousness...

Socialism substitutes the state for the king and attempts to control society for the benefit of society...

Democracy is the best form of civil government as we know it because of its basic tenets and because of the checks and balances of the system, but...

One major defect of democracy is its fundamental principle of "majority rule", which even though it gives power to the majority of the people, places morality, values, and the standards for law at the mercy of the majority, thus legitimizing the majority's values, desires, beliefs, aspirations, and preferences...

Our best alternative is to return to the original governing concept of God the Creator, which is the kingdom concept...