

## GOD'S PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT

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1. The Supreme Court of the United States has upon different occasions declared: That this country is a Christian Nation, that is, established upon and to be conducted by the great Christian ethics.

2. That God is the author of all Civil Government.

3. That any government authorized by Him is one of righteousness.

4. That it is to be administered by righteous men.

5. That rulers are the ministers of God to the people for good and a terror to evil doers.

6. That for this kind of government we pay taxes.

7. That God can only establish such governments by and through moral and Christian people.

8. That the responsibility for teaching the people what is and what is not righteousness in government is that of the ministry. That it is their duty to develop a yard stick by which righteousness and evil in government may be determined.

9. That the only way we can establish righteousness is by the united political action of the character building forces of America.

10. That in order to do this they must associate themselves together for political action. That this implies the creation of a political party.

11. That while we do believe in separation of church and state we do not believe in separation of righteousness and state.

12. That a Christian citizen's most powerful weapon is his vote.

13. That governments are controlled and operated by political parties. That a political party is but an association of citizens having a common philosophy or theory for the administration of society by the use of government agency. That politics is nothing but the science of government. That there is such a thing as Bible politics as pertaining to nations and ministers are under obligation to declare them.

14. That political parties have moral quality, responsibility and accountability.

15. That their moral quality is no higher than the most degenerate and anti-social condition that it permits to exist and to exploit the people, to gain office, or perpetuate itself in office, and from which it receives campaign revenue, and thus obligates itself.

16. That no political party will ever go right if supported by moral and Christian people when it is going wrong.

17. That when Christian and moral people support political parties when they approve and cater to evil is to be an accessory to their evil deeds.

18. That in order to continue to be moral and Christian we must separate ourselves from and by our vote protest and discipline such parties.

19. That there is now a need of a new party in the United States of America in which are associated the moral and character building forces of America for political action.

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less of his political affiliations. There is very little of partisan politics in it. Dr. Watson sets forth in a masterly way God's program for civil government basing his message on the Bible, in particular Romans, Chapter 13. It is the message America needs and Dr. Watson gives it as a prophet of God raised up and commissioned of God to give it. He is an unusually able speaker. If at all possible, hear him.—Editor.—The Christian Statesman.

## THEIR OWN COMPANY

Rev. Joseph H. Smith

It is evident now that warfare is part of the program of this Christian dispensation. And two of the apostles initiated the aggressive, this under the guidance and with the power of the Holy Ghost. They went into the very citadel of the foe, and at its threshold God gave them an object lesson which manifested His presence, demonstrated His power, exhibited His mercy, attracted the multitude, and aroused official enmity. The apostles were arrested, put in jail over night, and brought before the council the next day. As the outcome of their deliberations, "they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:18).

"But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

This was their declaration of war. And there has been no armistice nor any authorized suspension of hostilities since. There have been many deserters and some whole companies and nearly whole regiments that have hoisted the flag of truce. But,

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run."

He shall sit at the right hand of the Father till all His foes shall be under His feet. "And it is those who, like the Apostle Paul, have fought a good fight," those who have been truly overcomers that shall be crowned with Him at last.

Let us now attend the opening of their first warfare rendezvous: "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them." Their first move was to prayer. "They lifted up their voice to God with one accord," first in worship, then citing Scripture, "Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said," etc., next, in quoting from the gospel of Christ, as far as to His crucifixion by both Herod and Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel. "For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." And now their petition—which was not that they themselves escape like mistreatment; but rather, "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." And it may be thus similarly attested as of Peter and John had been, at this opening skirmish (in the healing of the lame man). "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus."

Thus, we see the military policy of the Church set for all time. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (verse 31).

Then they at once established the commissary department. (See vv. 32, 34-37).

And thus we see the purpose and plan of God for an aggressive evangelism of the churches including not only that which we term foreign missionary work but for the whole religious

world from Judaism to heathendom, as well as to non-spiritual rulers, dead members and decadent churches in Christendom.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

There is an eye that never sleeps  
Beneath the wing of night;

There is an ear that never shuts,  
When sink the beams of light.

There is an arm that never tires,  
When human strength gives way;

There is a love that never fails,  
When earthly loves decay.

That eye is fixed on seraph throngs,  
That arm upholds the sky,

That ear is filled with angel songs,  
That love is throned on high.

But there's a power which man can wield,  
When mortal aid is vain,

That eye, that arm, that love to reach,  
That listening ear to gain.

That power is prayer, which soars on high,  
Through Jesus to the throne,

And moves the hand which moves the world  
To bring aid to His own.

"Lord, teach us to pray." —The Jewish Era

## "AGONIZE"—"ORGANIZE"

"Agonize" is not a popular word in the modern church's vocabulary. "Organize" appears to have the supreme place. We organize more than we agonize. We are more intent upon multiplying machinery than we are upon enriching our fundamental power. We are more eager in riveting the organization than in strengthening the organism. We are more concerned to confer with one another than we are to hold great communion with God. But it is in "agonizing" intercession that the real conflict in our time is to be won. Rivers of vitality have their rise in souls that are on their knees before God. The deep and mighty prayers of the church are the real birth-pangs of the race.—J. H. Jowett.

## THE FUNNIES

Our Sunday Visitor (Catholic weekly) of August 15, 1943, has a strong article dealing with the "funnies" or the "comics" which are being sold by the million to the children of America. Attention is called to the teaching by these absurd pictures of the technique of crime. Especially there was citation of the featuring of train wrecks in these pictures and the immediate following of attempts of children to wreck trains.

The writer continues:

"Generalities are proverbially dangerous, but it may not be unsafe to assert that the lawless, lurid, vulgar, and downright vicious activities depicted in the comic strips are making a larger contribution to juvenile delinquency than all the marijuana peddled to school children by all the narcotic sellers ever rounded up by the police."

It is true enough that these comics are a demoralization of all the youth that feed upon them. They are to be classed with the movie and the cigarette as a cause of juvenile delinquency.

All people who want their children to be decent rather than criminals or idiots will do well to steer them clear of such mental garbage. Especially Christian people will fight this recent device of the devil by furnishing their children something better and by putting these comics in the fire.—Free Methodist.