

Romans Series

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Legitimate Disobedience to Authority

Romans 13:3–5



Summary of Romans 13

- 1. Christians are to submit to the government authorities.**
- 2. Government authorities, whether saved or unsaved, are appointed by God. Remember, Paul was writing under the ungodly administration of Nero.**
- 3. Resisting government authority is the same as resistance against God and will bring Divine judgment.**
- 4. The governing authority is God's servant, even though he may be an atheist or pagan. God demonstrated this to Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4.**

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

POST-FALL

Designed to restrain evil

The Case of the Tardy Midwives

Ex. 1:15, “Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;

Ex. 1:16, “and he said, ‘When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.’

Ex. 1:17, “But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.”

The Case of the Tardy Midwives

Ex. 1:18, “So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?’

Ex. 1:19, “And the midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.’

Ex. 1:20, “Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

Ex. 1:21, “And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.”

The Case of the Disobedient Parents

Heb. 11:23, “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command.”

The Case of the Wise Students

Dan. 1:8, “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Dan. 1:9, “Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

Dan. 1:10, “And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, ‘I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king.’ ”

The Case of the Wise Students

Dan. 1:11, “So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

Dan. 1:12, “ ‘Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

Dan. 1:13, “ ‘Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.’ ”

The Case of the Deified State

Dan. 3:12, “ ‘There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.’ ”

Dan. 3:14, “Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, ‘Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?’ ”

The Case of the Deified State

Dan. 3:16, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

Dan. 3:17, “ ‘If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

Dan. 3:18, “ ‘But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.’ ”

Logical

sequence

Application

**Political/National or
individual actions**

Ethics: Right or wrong

**Epistemology: Knowing
right or wrong—the Bible**

**Metaphysics: Ultimate
reality, i.e., God**

Pressures of life

