

Government and Authority Twists

God's Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways

Who is King?

From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. Revelation 19:15-16 (NLT2)

Government

A system of order within a social system

Jesus, The Name Above All Names

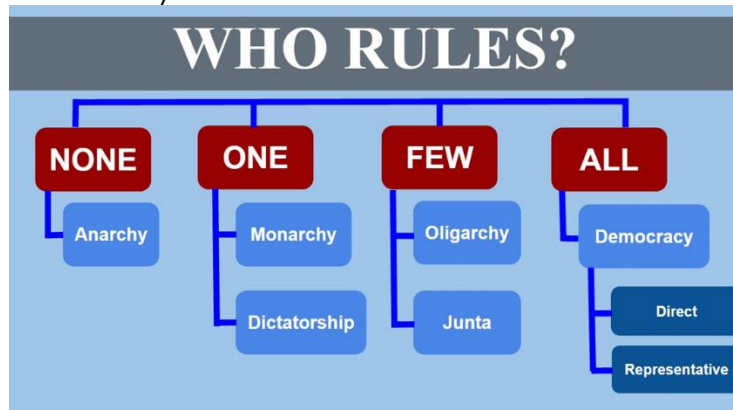
Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT2)

The Government of Jesus Christ

His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! Isaiah 9:7 (NLT2)

Types of Human Government

Theocracy



The World's Twist on Human Government

- **Government is my savior**
- **Government owes me**
- **Government is all good**
- **Government is all bad**
- **Government my way is good**
- **Government is the solution**

In Jesus' Day

- **Roman Government**
- **Jewish Sub-government**
- **Jewish Religious Authorities**

Jesus' Approach

- **Jesus kept God's kingdom first**
- **Jesus knew God's power was greater**
- **Jesus respected the governing authorities**
- **Jesus was aware of both the ability and limitations of human government**
- **Jesus focused on more than who was on the throne of power or who was in the senate**

You and Your Government

- Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 1 Timothy 2:2 (NLT2)
- "Well, then," Jesus said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." His reply completely amazed them. Mark 12:17 (NLT2)
- For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority—whether the king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13-14 (NLT2)

Living in the World

