

The Seven Laws of Divine Establishment

On this Veteran's Day we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom. With this in mind it is apropos to review the seven divine institutions (natural law). When believers reject Bible doctrine and the citizens of a nation reject the seven laws of divine establishment, spiritual, economic, and temporal freedoms are lost, John 8:32 (context includes both spiritual and temporal freedom as Jesus was speaking to Jews under the bondage of Rome because of their negative volition). The seven laws of divine establishment:

#1, Volition, Gen. 2:17. Adam and Eve were created with freewill and were responsible for their decisions. When a nation moves into reversionism guilty people are often given a pass while the innocent are punished. In reversionism evil is called good and good is called evil (Rom. 1:32). The more the government stifles freedom and inverts good and evil the more economic hardship that nation will endure.

#2, Marriage, Gen 2:24. Marriage continues to be under attack. Not only with pushes for same-sex marriage, but also with Christian marriages. One could argue that failure in Christian marriages is a worse problem than same-sex marriage. Marriage has not only been redefined in terms of gay issues, it is also redefined by postmodern Christians as per no fault divorce. If God's own people are not faithful to the most sacred human covenant on earth, we do not deserve to be free.

#3, Family, Gen. 2:24. Families are designed by God to be stable supportive groups. In many families this is anything but true.

#4, Government, Gen. 9:6; Rom. 13:1-4. Government was not an initial divine institution. It was created as a necessary "evil" because of the wickedness of man. The only purpose for government is to protect the innocent. Because of the evil nature of man, citizens need protection.

#5, Nationalism, Gen. 11:1-8. United Nations is evil! One world government is evil! God intends for nations to be separate entities. Every person should appreciate his country. I never thought I would see the day when the President of the United States would diss his own nation before other nations.

#6, Pro-Israel, Gen. 12:1-3. God promises blessings to any nation that is pro-Israel. These blessings certainly would include prosperity and its accompanying freedom.

#7, Capitalism. Throughout the Word of God capitalism is the divine system: *laissez-faire* capitalism (it is French for "let do", but it broadly implies "let it be", or "leave it alone"). Government control and unionism is anti-biblical. The ones with the capital get to call the shots regarding *their* money. Christ's parables are filled with capitalistic principles, and He Himself said that a man has the right to do with his money what he wishes (see Matt. 20:15).

We still live in the greatest nation on earth but she needs prayer. She also needs the influence of the salt and light that only doctrinal Christians can provide. Thank God for the freedom He has granted to us and thanks to all who sacrificed their lives that we may enjoy what freedoms that remain. We still have it better than we deserve thanks to Grace.

Matthew 5:13-15 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ "Nor do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

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