

Sermon Outline

Living Sacrifices (4): Submitting to kings and to the King of kings

Romans 13:1-7

I. Introduction

- A. Review: A Living Sacrifice relations with
 - i. God: Consecrated Bodies, Transformed Life and Renewed Minds
 - ii. Body of Christ i.e. the church: Serving in Grace and Love in Action
 - iii. State: Submitting and paying our dues to those whom God has put in place of authority

- B. We read in the Scriptures that the Lord has placed 3 or 4 spheres of authority over the Christians. There are the church, family, state and employment. Though each are separated entities yet they often intersect and do intersect often with one another like a cross junction.

II. The Authority of the State v 1-3

- A. Derived from God
- B. Instituted by God

III. The Functions of the State v 4-6

- A. For the good of the people
- B. For the commendation of the people
- C. For the protection of the people

IV. The Duties due to the State v 7

- A. Taxes and Revenue
- B. Respect and Honour

V. What more shall we say to this things

- A. We must pray for our government cf 1 Tim 2.1-2
- B. We desire a better country, that is, a heavenly cf Heb 11.16
- C. We are to pursue the agenda set for us by the King of kings and Lord of lords cf 1 Tim 6.13-16