



QA: How Do Governments Get So Oppressive? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: How do governments get so oppressive?

ANSWER: When they assume to replace God. When God's Law through Moses was the Law of the Land, God ruled. When the people demanded "make for us a king to judge us like all the nations" (**1 Samuel 8:5**), God said, "they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them" (**1 Samuel 8:7**). **God's Word ruling is good, humans ruling not so much! Voting should keep emphasis on the Bible.**

God uses government:

1. To Praise Good & Punish Evil:

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. (**Romans 13:3-4**)

2. To Make People See Corruption Without God:

God had Samuel

Show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them. So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king. And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariot and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks and bakers. And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. And he will take your menservants and your maidservants and your finest young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day." (**1 Samuel 8:10-18**)

The king would take control of "sons," "daughters," "fields," "vineyards," "olive groves," "grain," "donkeys," "sheep," as he desires. But because the people voted

for this, they would have to face the responsibility for their decision! Their Global Initiative (“like all the nations”) lost them their distinctiveness. The realization they had gotten what they wanted should have been a wake-up call! Jesus said,

“Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.” (**John 6:45**)

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