

## No "Separation of Church and State" by [John T Polk II](#)

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

It is bad enough for government anybody to cite Scripture for any authority for what they are about, but for someone discredited by his peers in government to cite Scripture is totally crass, completely off the scale of hypocrisy!

Such is the case of Representative Charles Rangel:

- *Rep. Charles Rangel: Republicans risk eternal damnation with welfare cuts* By Jessica Chasmar- **The Washington Times** Tuesday, September 24, 2013
- *Rep. Charles B. Rangel, appearing on MSNBC's "The Ed Show" on Monday night, suggested that Republicans who oppose federal welfare may face eternal damnation. Host Ed Schultz said that according to his faith leader, there is no biblical scripture that backs up Republican votes against Social Security and food stamps.*
- *"Anyone that's familiar with the Bible, anything like that, Jesus said that you're going straight to hell if you don't treat the lesser of his brothers and sisters," Mr. Rangel, New York Democrat, said.*
- *Speaking of the downtrodden, Mr. Rangel continued: "He said he was hungry, you didn't give him food stamps. He was thirsty, you didn't purify the water. He was naked, you didn't give him Social Security. And God knows he was sick and you gave him no comfort. Can you imagine if 60 million Catholics became missionaries just for the poor, the sick and the uninsured?"*
- *He also argued that people of all religious backgrounds, namely Jews and Protestants, do not support welfare cuts.*

### 1. "Physician, heal yourself" **Luke 4:23**

Veteran Rep. [Charles Rangel](#), D-N.Y., today [December 2, 2010] became the **first U.S. House member in 27 years to be censured** after a long [trial](#) that resulted in him being convicted on 11 counts of **ethics violations**. The [censure](#), the highest punishment short of expulsion, is reserved for serious offenses and requires the member in question to stand before his or her colleagues while a censure resolution is read.

An amendment reducing the punishment to reprimand prior to the final vote failed overwhelmingly.

The *censure has been used only 23 times in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives*. The last time a member of Congress was censured was 1983, when then-Rep. Dan Crane, R-Ill., and Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., faced the penalty for having sexual relationships with minors. —by Huma Khan via **World News**

## 2. **Mark 12:17:**

And Jesus answered and said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they marveled at Him (**Mark 12:17**).

The passage Rangel alludes to is found in **Matthew 25:31-46**, and the duties discussed are for "the righteous" to do. Is Rangel suggesting that the Federal Government of the United States of America is "the righteous?" If he is, then is the entire welfare system of the Federal Government "righteous" when it:

- a. takes from workers monies they could use to individually, personally help those in need (**Ephesians 4:28**);
- b. supports those who "will not work" (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**);
- c. renders to Caesar things that "are God's;"
- d. is "a terror to good works" (**Romans 13:9**)?

If he is not, then he is one of the "untaught and unstable" people who "twist" Scriptures "to their own destruction" (**2 Peter 3:16**).

## 3. **Matthew 22:29:**

"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (**Matthew 22:29**).

If Rangel knew "the Scriptures," he surely would understand that he is condemned by God's Prophet, Enoch, who preached before the Flood in Noah's day:

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him' (**Jude 14-15**).

If Rangel knew "the power of God," he would never blithely apply God's "everlasting punishment" (**Matthew 25:46**) to political opponents!

Charles Rangel has demonstrated his ignorance of the Word of God, crassness toward the righteousness that comes from obeying Jesus Christ (**1 John 3:7**), and how oppressive his government programs are to those of us who want to do right. Would the Apostles, "Peter and John" speak to Rangel and say:

"Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (**Acts 4:19-20**)?

Unfortunately, Rangel's lack of knowledge of the Word of God may well represent most in the Government, and that's where Government today is so foreign to the Government of our Founders!

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