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(#106) The Proverbs of Solomon 16:10- Governing the Government (#1)

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 16:10:

Divination is on the lips of the king; His mouth must not transgress in judgment.

“Divination,” here, is a word signifying “Divine Judgment.” Surely Solomon should know about this. God had predicted that the Israelites would demand a “king” in time, and that happened (**Deuteronomy 17:14-17; 1 Samuel 8:4-9**). Solomon was their third king, and he had been granted “Divine Wisdom” from God (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**). All their kings were commanded to get their “divination” from God’s Word – the Old Testament.

Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel. (**Deuteronomy 17:18-20**)

GOD intended for the leader of a government to be influenced by GOD’s word! The further away from that influence government gets, the more tyrannical and oppressive that government becomes! Leaders who do not “fear the LORD” will arrogantly “be lifted above his brethren,” that is, they do not think the laws of the land apply to them. Obeying God’s Word is the only way that works, and “the right” or “the left” describe disobedience. Interestingly, those who want to obey God’s Word and the Constitution have been branded “right wingers,” when they are actually the only ones who obey the laws! “Left wingers” are completely disobedient and rebellious against God and His Word!

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The Apostle Paul showed that Christians should pray for government to submit to God and let Christians follow Jesus Christ:

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

No government is “Christian,” and there is no physical “Christian Nation” on earth today, but “in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:35). AND, government that honors the LORD “must not transgress in judgment,” that is, will know how to render judgments in accord with God’s Wisdom.

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