

ROMANS 13:3-14

7/31/21

Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
On July 17 -- We discussed all of Romans 13:1-2
Today -- Romans 13:3-14

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* General Outline of Book of Romans

Romans 1-11 Theological -- explanation of God's righteousness
Romans 12-15 Practical -- application of God's righteousness
Romans 16 Personal -- greetings & references to mutual friends

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* Brief reminder about Romans 13:1-2

Rom. 13:1 be subject to the governing authorities -- for there is no authority except from God -- the authorities that exist are appointed by God

* "from" God -- "appointed" by God

Amplified New Testament -- Let every person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God -- by His permission, His sanction; and those that exist do so by God's appointment.

Rom. 13:2 therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, & those who resist will bring judgment on themselves

Acts 5:29 "we ought to obey God rather than men"

* Resisting civil and religious governments

Exod. 1:22 Pharaoh wanting to kill babies -- Moses' mother saving her son

Josh 2:3-6 king of Jericho seeking to capture the 2 men from Joshua -- Rahab protecting the 2 men -- Heb. 11:31 and James 2:25

Dan. 3:4-18 King Nebuchadnezzar commanding the people to fall down and to worship his gold image -- Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego refused

Matt. 2:7-16 Herod instructing the wise men to tell him the location of the child -- they did not

Acts 4:18-20 the apostles resisting the council

Acts 5:25-29 the apostles resisting the council -- again

Rev. 13:11-18 the second beast expecting people to worship the beast and his image and to receive the mark

* Observations

Sometimes, leaders protect from evil

Sometimes, leaders are the evil

Leaders have authority

Do what is good

Be subject to them -- not only to avoid
consequences, but it is the right
thing to do

Rom. 13:2 last phrase -- those who resist will bring
judgment on themselves -- consequences physical penalties

3 rulers are not a terror to good works, but to
evil -- do what is good

4 he is God's servant to you for good -- if you
do evil, be afraid (for he does not bear
the sword in vain) -- he is God's servant,
an avenger to execute wrath on him who
practices evil

5 be subject -- not only to avoid wrath, but for
conscience sake

6 pay your taxes -- for they are God's servants

7 taxes -- customs -- respect -- honor

Luke 23:1-2 accused the Son of God -- forbidding people to
pay taxes to Caesar

Rom. 13:8 love one another

9 Paul -- Commandments 6-10 -- "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself"

Matt. 19:16-19 Son of God -- Commandments 5-9 -- "You shall love
your neighbor as yourself"

Matt. 22:36-40 love God -- love neighbor

Rom. 13:10 love is the fulfillment of the law

* Important reminders

Rom. 13:11 time to wake up

12 cast off works of darkness -- put on the armor of light

13 walk in light -- not revelry, drunkenness, lewdness,

lust, strife or envy

14 put on the Lord Jesus Christ -- and resist the lusts
of the flesh