

Teaching

Prayer to God, "Stay Out of Politics!"

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A Listener wrote the following:

My prayer to God is, "Please stay out of politics!" If he had we wouldn't have many of the problems we have on Earth. There would be no Israel.. no Muslims and probably no Christians all caused by the "politics" of those days.

Once upon a time God was the KING, directly before Saul. The people begged for a King they could see and berate in person. God said, "Bad idea, but, ok, if you insist," and appointed King Saul.

From there he and religion should stay out of politics. Eventually, like burning your fingers on a stove, we will learn NOT to "do that."

I responded with the following:

Briefly, what is interesting to note, is we are not the Jews, Israelites/Hebrews, of old; however, because the Hebrews/Israelites of old rejected the direct leadership of God through prophets, the idea was He would still direct and guide through mankind through guidance of the prophets such as Nathan, for example. There were several judges, prior to selection and establishment of a king, who were prophets of God such as Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Samson. The people wanted a central king and so God provided, the first being Saul.

Except for when the peoples literally rebelled against God and took the ways of idolatry; etc., did God let them stew. But in that stew pot He had all ready told them what would happen if they denied Him.

Although the peoples got what they asked for, it was not God's best. Although they rebelled, turning against God and serving themselves did not at all assuage God's plan for a savior to atone for the rebellion acted out in the Garden of Eden. Truly, humankind listened to Satan, made a choice and suffered because they did not listen to God and follow His instruction.

Now, God actively guides whenever and wherever He is allowed to, in the lives of people. As the scripture says in Proverbs, "In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."

God gave humankind a unique ability, that of being able to choose. God lets humankind choose who they will serve, and does not at all, nor would he, force humankind to be subject to dictatorship; however, he does tell what will happen if humankind does not listen to His

guidance. Why? Because if humankind does not listen and act upon what He says, they will have walked away from his covering of protection leaving them on their own.

We pray because whereas people have rejected the knowledge of God there are many of us who have not. We recognize the need for God in our lives, daily living. We recognize and act upon the fact that God will hear and answer prayer. If we were to reject God from having a hand in the affairs of government, perhaps we should, as well, reject God from our personal daily lives. The administration we have right now is the result of people everywhere praying for God's intervention. The time is short, however, and having read the 'end of the book' there are, simply stated, very trying times ahead for not only this nation but the entire world. When times get tough then even those who have rejected God and His Christ will scream out for Him.

Without God, humankind will never get it right.