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There is a great thing in separation of church and state. It safeguards us to live free from the state, leaving the affairs of the church apart from state intervention — man's rights under the Constitution in a capitalistic society. We need to know these constitutions better than the judges, in the right spirit, to know what our rights are.

Rights are a necessary thing for a man to seek God. 1 Pet 2:13 17; Rom 13:1 7 (Read in light of 1 Pet 2:13 17); Rom 13:7 — Memorize this verse. This is the basis to understand authority: Punish evildoers, and praise those that do good.

Mt 28:18 20 — We have to be living under a government that gives us freedom to go make disciples as in Mt 28:18 20. We must *keep* that freedom in order to make disciples. If we can't live here (or in a place) and raise up a tribe then that place is fit for nothing but destruction. We must allay the wrath of God. This will only happen by prayer.

There is a diabolical scheme of the evil one, to destroy everything good in the foundation of this country — individual rights. We can see this at work because our rights are being taken away. This government in the U.S. was fashioned by our God so we could claim our inalienable rights. The premise of this country (the Declaration of Independence) was that man has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Law and order is a basic moral society — men living by their consciences and obeying the laws established. The U.S. — the first moral society to come upon the earth in hundreds of years. When you think man's right to life belongs to the state then that is degeneration (individual rights). To take away, or a law taking away, those rights is from the evil one. When there is a moral breakdown men will give their rights to the state (men stop obeying their consciences). The only way to lose our inalienable rights is to give them away (to the state); this is by default. Whenever man gives rights to the state then you only have permission to live and that permission can be revoked at any time.

The U.S. government gets its authority from the *people*. It is a constitutional republic. The laws should go along with the people's consciences.

Bill of Rights — protected rights. No government can hinder *establishment* of religion or *free exercise* of that religion, so our religious belief is founded upon the commandment to Abraham (Gen 18:19).

Isa 49:5 6 — The raising up of the tribes is not an end in itself. The light must come forth or the government in the nations doesn't have a chance. The hope of the nations is that the light will go to the nations to *reach down into men*. The New Covenant church is the light to the nations.

Man doesn't exist by permission of the state. This is what the founding fathers believed in — man exercising his right to life as given by his Creator. This government of the U.S. was established as the protection of those rights. There is a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and freedom from compulsion to conversion.

The Declaration of Independence stated that men have inalienable rights. To secure these rights, governments are established. This provides the only valid purpose for government — to secure the inalienable rights of its citizens. The role of government is changed from tyrant to that of a *servant*. The government is a servant to us, not a tyrant. The government was set up to protect citizens from criminals. The Constitution was set up to protect its citizens from government. The Bill of Rights was geared against government to keep them in check. To secure individual rights, governments are instituted among men. This is why we obey the elders, because we give them authority in our lives.

A private citizen is free to take any action he wishes as long as it doesn't violate the rights of any other citizen. This concept needs to go into our children: "do unto others." This means subordinating might to right—not using might to infringe upon someone else's right.