



## GLC Weekly

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### **Remember Your True History America (#11): What Did Americans Believe about the Importance of Choosing Good Rulers?**

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What did Americans believe about the importance of choosing good rulers? Let us consider this question as we prepare for the May 17 Celebration and Rededication as “one nation under God,” and July 4 celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also, consider that to restore a culture of life and end abortion, we need many more righteous, just, and courageous leaders who fear GOD. Toward that goal, we need to regain correct discernment of good versus evil, including of our rulers according to GOD’s assessment, and wisdom and courage to choose good leaders. The following is excerpted from chapter 9 of *Fire At The Founding* (see information below).

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The best public officials are those who reverently fear God and faithfully fulfill the duties of their office within the parameters of the constitution. If a public official fears God, he will respect man, the sanctity of human life, and the law. If he does not know God personally, but respects human life and the law, and does not exceed his constitutional authority, he can still be a good public official. If he does not fear God, cherish human life, keep his oath to uphold the constitution, or respect the rule of law, then he will be a tyrant.

God gave Israel brief but specific guidelines for choosing their officials — guidelines that we would be wise to follow. The LORD commanded:

“You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, that you may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you” (Deuteronomy 16:16-20).

Both ancient Israel and the founding generations of the United States incorporated some of these Biblical principles in their systems of government. In Israel, the men chose public officials from among themselves at the town, tribe (state) and national levels. The United States has a similar representative system. The Scriptural passage above indicates that the primary duty of public officials is to make righteous decisions and establish justice. They were “not to be partial to the poor nor defer to the great,” and thus cause injustices (Leviticus 19:15). This is the way our Founding Fathers designed our system of government.

In 1779, Dr. Samuel Stillman spoke to the public officials of Massachusetts Bay prior to the convention to form a state constitution. In his sermon, titled, *“The Duty of Magistrates,”* he said:

“A faithful ruler will consider himself as a trustee of the public, and that he is accountable both to God and to the people for his behavior in his office. . . . ‘*He who ruleth over men,*’ says David, ‘*must be just, ruling in the fear of God*’ [2 Samuel 23:3] . . . that all those who united in [electing him] . . . may uninterruptedly enjoy that *equal liberty*, for the security of which they entered into a state of civil society.”

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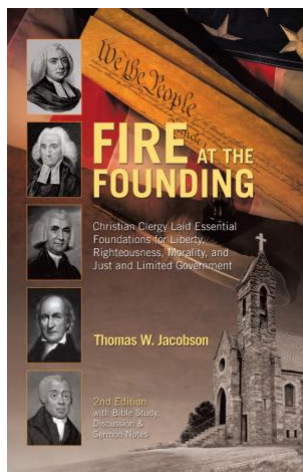
Questions (selected from end of the chapter):

1. What are the characteristics of the men God said to choose for civil rulers, or instructions He gave regarding their duties (Exodus 18:21, 25; 23:6-8; Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:15-18; 16:18-20; 2 Samuel 23:1-5)?
2. Daniel was one of the top three government leaders under King Darius. How is his character described (Daniel 6:4)?

For ancient Israel and Judah, GOD judged whether a king was good or evil, whether he followed GOD with all his heart and did righteousness and justice, or was idolatrous and sacrificed children and shed innocent blood (2 Chronicles 14:2-5; 29:2; 31:20-21; 1 Kings 15:26, 34; 16:25, 30).

Additional questions: How would you evaluate President Donald Trump, former President Joe Biden, and other leaders based on these Biblical standards? How do think GOD evaluates them, and does your judgment match His?

**PRAY** that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, government leaders, and all Americans to return fully to GOD, with faith, humility, genuine repentance, and deep reverence, and to rediscover the truth about our origins as a nation. Pray also for the restoration of the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith; restoration of a correct understanding of good versus evil; and wisdom and courage to choose good leaders.



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For the LORD, the sacred gifts of life and liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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