



GLC Weekly

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Is Disobedience Rebellion?

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Today is the 81st anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Once again our nation is in extreme crisis, but this time from evil people among ourselves. Consequently, the same questions our Founding Fathers faced more than two centuries ago are before us again: Must we obey people in authority who are commanding what is evil or persecuting those who are doing good? If we disobey, is doing so rebellion?

Both obedience to lawful authority and resistance to tyranny were at the heart of the American Revolution, and resulted in the birth of a free nation. On 29 May 1776, a few weeks before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Rev. Samuel West declared: “the same principles which oblige us to submit to government do equally oblige us to resist tyranny; or that tyranny and magistracy are so opposed to each other that where the one begins the other ends” (quoted in *Fire At The Founding*, p. 78-79, www.GLCPublications.com).

If obeying GOD requires us to disobey unrighteous human authority, this is obedience; it is not rebellion, though some will view it as rebellion. If obeying human authority requires disobedience to GOD, obeying human authority will be viewed as obedience by some, but is in reality rebellion against GOD. Obeying GOD creates pressure and opportunity for unrighteous rulers and leaders to come into conformity with the good will of GOD. But complying with unrighteous rulers and leaders – or failing to hold them accountable – opens the floodgates of evil, corruption, and the destruction of all that is good in an organization, community or nation.

“**Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego** replied to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But *even if He does not*, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up” (Daniel 3:16-18).

“**Peter and the apostles** answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men’” (Acts 5:29).

Pray that you and I who are followers of Jesus Christ would “be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,” be discerning how we are to obey GOD in every situation, and be able to “use great boldness in our speech” (Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:12).

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