

Sermon Handout

Restoring the World to Righteousness, Pt. 3
Revelation 11:15

- I. The role of the family in building God's Kingdom
 - a. Preparing successive generations of faithful people
Eph 6:1-9, especially vv. 4, 6-7, 9
Built upon a foundation laid by the church 4:11-16
Children vv. 1-4 instruction & correction (*cf.* II Tim 3:16)
Business and labor vv. 5-9 mutual commitment to Jesus
(*cf.* I Pet 2:18-20)
 - b. Ministry of the Exchequer (custodian of wealth)
Tithes belong to Christ; all else builds the family's future
Gen 14; Lev 27; Mal 3; I Cor 16:2 (*cf.* Dt 16:17)
(this includes just taxes – Rom 13:6-7; see below)
Inheritance, liberality - poor tithe, poor loans
Lk 15:11*ff*; Is 58:7-8; Lk 10:30-37
Dt 14:28-29; 16:10-12; Ex 22:22-24; Jas 1:27
Dt 15:7-11; Lev 25:35-36
- II. The role of civil government in building God's Kingdom
 - a. The king (civil magistrate)
Responsible to God; he is to be honored for God's sake
God raises up and puts down kings Pr 8:15; Dan 2:21
Rom 12:19-13:5; I Pet 2:13-14, 17
 - b. Reforming the State under God's authority
Pray that it fulfills its role for the gospel's sake I Tim 2:1-4
See Jer 29:4-7

Speak the truth to it Mt 28:20 ("teaching them to obey")
I Cor 6:2 – the saints shall judge the world
The state's power is to be undergirded by God's law.
It is not the church's job to overthrow the king.
It **is** the church's job to teach the law to the king.