



God and Government

Isaiah 9:1-7

What is Government?

Webster's 1828 edition



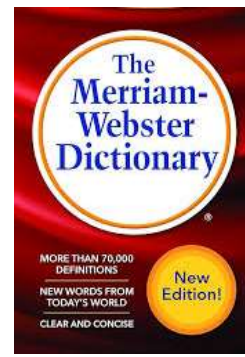
Direction; regulation. These precepts will serve for the *government* of our conduct.

1. Control; restraint. Men are apt to neglect the *government* of their temper and passions.

2. The exercise of authority; direction and restraint exercised over the actions of men in communities, societies or states; the administration of public affairs, according to established constitution, laws and usages, or by arbitrary edicts.

3. The exercise of authority by a parent or householder. Children are often ruined by a neglect of *government* in parents.

Let family *government* be like that of our heavenly Father, mild, gentle and affectionate.



Modern usage (Webster's)

government: 1 the body of persons that constitutes the governing authority of a political unit or organization: such as
a : the officials comprising the governing body of a political unit and constituting the organization as an active agency The government was slow to react to the crisis.

b capitalized : the executive branch of the U.S. federal government

c capitalized : a small group of persons holding the principal political executive offices of a nation and being responsible for the direction and supervision of public affairs

7 obsolete : moral conduct or behavior : discretion

GOD

Sovereign, Unlimited Authority
Isaiah 9:6-7 Jesus Christ

MAN and HUMAN INSTITUTIONS

Dependent, Delegated, Limited Authority
Colossians 1:16-17 Romans 13:1-4

Family

(Self Government)

Church

(Self Government)

Civil Government

(Self Government)

Civil Government

- Origin Genesis 9:1-6 shedding of blood
- Decentralized Gen 11:1-9 Tower of “Babel”
- Just one of many other legitimate governments
 - Self government Gen 39:7-23 Prov 16:32 Gal 5:16-23
 - Family government (parents) Prov 1:8, Eph 6:1-4
 - Church government Acts 6:4-6 Phil 1:1-2 1 Tim 3:1-7

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor. “





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