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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Government vs. Bible

ROMANS 13:1-2 NKJV – (1) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (2) Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

PROVERBS 14:12 NKJV – (2) There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

MOREHEAD, Ky. - A county clerk in Kentucky who objects to same-sex marriage on religious grounds denied licenses to gay couples on Tuesday, saying she was acting "under God's authority," just hours after the Supreme Court refused to support her position.

The Bible speaks very clearly about the relationship between the believer and the government. We are to obey governmental authorities, and the government is to treat us justly and fairly. Even when the government does not live up to its role, we are still to live up to ours. Finally, when the government asks us to do something that is in direct disobedience to God's Word, we are to disobey the government in faithful confidence of the Lord's power to protect us.

So what is the problem with the story about the clerk in Kentucky? The lady served as the "CLERK" of the county and her job is to issue marriage license to those who choose to be married. She knew this when she applied for the job. Therefore, when she applied and got the job, she is under the authority of the rules by the government. This is also the reason the Supreme Court refused to support her position. I support her in her beliefs, but the government over rules in that agency. Yes, there will be accountability for these ungodly decisions being made, but for the clerk to keep her job she will be required to follow government rules. She admitted that she was disappointed with the support she little recieved, but what she failed to realize was that they were never under God's authority.

If she represents God as he says she does, let it be proven by resigning and moving on. Otherwise, we can't change non-believers of the "Word of God." They have their instructions and God has His.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 2:13-14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity!