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Do We Need Government and Police? (Part 2)

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Today we continue with Part 2 on the question, “Do we need government and police?” As I said last week, the focus of these two *Country Reports* (GLC Series) is on the United States and our present crisis, but the same truths apply to any nation. Last week we looked at (1) the reality that we were created for society and community, and (2) what it is about human nature that results in our need for civil government and police. Here we continue with points 3 and 4.

3. What would be the result of having no civil government or police? The first true pictures of what life would be like without civil government and police occurred very early in human history, before such authorities existed. Cain was envious of his brother Abel and murdered him, and there was no civil authority to stop him or render justice (Genesis 4:3-8). By the 10th generation, “the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that the intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” (Genesis 6:5-6). There was no rule of law, no civil authorities, and no police to restrain people and to stop the pillaging and murder. So God decided to start over by destroying everything on earth, except for one man and his family and the creatures on the ark with them: the LORD saw that “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God” (6:8-9). Only eight people survived. And we are all descended from them, regardless of the color of our skin.

Immediately after the Great Flood, the LORD authorized mankind to establish civil governments specifically to restrain evil and bring judgment against those who shed human blood, especially because “in the image of God He made man” (Genesis 9:5-6).

The time we are living in now increasingly looks like the time prior to the Great Flood: “the wickedness of man” is “great on the earth” again, and many do “only evil continually.” If civil government is abolished or fails to exercise its lawful authority, or if police are defunded, or police are prohibited from acting in accordance with just law, or police are prohibited from entering certain areas within their jurisdiction and responsibility, then surely wickedness, lawlessness, theft, destruction, and murder will increase rapidly and exponentially.

4. What options do we have for the future? President John Adams – signer of the Declaration of Independence, first Vice President of the United States (1789-1797), and second President (1797-1801) – wrote in a letter to military officers:

“(W)e have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” (*The Works of John Adams*, Vol. 9; 11 October 1798).

The truth of his statement and warning is abundantly evident in the current state of our nation. For decades there have been systematic efforts in every sector of our society to remove any standards, laws or limitations from “morality and religion,” and from “our Constitution.” Now we are faced with “human passions unbridled,” and increasing “avarice” (coveting, greed, excessive desire for wealth and possessions), “ambition” (selfish desire for preference, honor, power), “revenge” (“to inflict pain or injury in return for an injury received”), “gallantry” (in an unrighteous or vicious sense) [Webster’s 1828 Dictionary].

We have at least three choices before us: (1) restore our good foundations of “morality and religion” which undergird “our Constitution”; (2) restore law and order by force, but continue in the same direction; or (3) succumb to lawlessness, chaos, and national self-destruction.

First, if we want to restore maximum possible liberty, peace and security, then *the only proven means* is to once again become “a moral and religious people” who revere and love God, respect and love one another, and respect the rule of law. *This seems highly improbable, but is possible* if we face, confess, and turn from our personal and national sins. This includes repenting for and ending abortion, which has covered our nation with innocent blood and brought a curse and the wrath of God upon us. This repentance must begin with God’s own people, and become nation-wide, with a radical restoration of the Church. Believers in every sphere, including civil government, must become salt to preserve what good, light to guide with wisdom, and “the pillar and support of the truth” (Matthew 5:13-20; 1 Timothy 3:15).

My father is 92 years old, and almost everyone that I have known in the generations of my parents and grandparents reveres God, respects authority, is highly responsible, selflessly cares for others, are wise stewards of their finances and property, and respect the property of others. His generation retained the good fruits of prior generations, but by the time I was in school, the good foundations and truth about the history of our nation were eradicated from public education. For present generations, it seems that only those who were home or privately schooled had the opportunity to know the truth about our history. The Church and Christian educators must act decisively to restore true knowledge of our history and foundations.

Second, if as a nation we only want to restore law and order, while continuing to choose to reject God and His authority, shed the innocent blood of at least 2,300 babies every day, and continue in our sins, abominations, and lawlessness, then I have no basis of hope for a good future for the United States. Our cumulative sins are so great that if we do not repent, the Scriptures and history indicate that one crisis after another will befall our nation.

Third, if we succumb to lawlessness, chaos, and destruction, then our nation will self-destruct. However, the rioting and takeover of parts of cities appears to be well-planned, and if so, this should be carefully investigated and those who are funding, organizing, leading, or participating should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; if not, we’ll get more of the same.

My prayer is that we choose the first option.

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