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Colossians 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Colossians 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

We saw in the New Year's Eve study, how the US and the World are going to see greater chaos and unrest. One of my concerns is that few pastors even know or understand what is going on in America and the world. Even fewer who even dare to teach on morality or biblically understand why morality is important. Why same sex marriage is so evil and detrimental to the freedom of a nation. Why adultery and promiscuity are so detrimental to freedom of a nation. Colleges are not only **not** teaching the law students the Constitution of the USA they are not teaching the fundamental reasons for morality. Our educational systems today do not teach the young people **how** to think but **what** to think and what they are teaching them to think is not truth.

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In Colossians, starting in chapter 1, Paul has taught the importance of the Church and the local church for the teaching of the Word of God. The church is designed by God for the stability and growth of the individual believer. But now, in Colossians 3:18, Paul moves to the stability not only of believers but the stability of society itself. This section on marriage and the family is under unbelievable attack by Satan through the thinking of society. Same sex marriage is not only an attack on morality, but it is a powerful attack against the institution of marriage and the family and America.

When we get into Colossians 3:18-19 we are going to study some things that some of you may not like nor agree with, like the authority of the husband in marriage. So, as an introduction to our study on marriage and the family we are going to look at R. B. Thieme's doctrine on Divine Institutions. This is so basic to proper thinking of a Christian or non-Christian, to a lawyer or to those of us who are not lawyers and judges. But as you will see these are things from the Word of God that every person in America and in the world need to understand, in order to guard and protect not only their marriage but their freedom. America is in a downward spiral of losing its freedom.

DOCTRINE OF DIVINE ESTABLISHMENT

1. Definition and description.

- A. God has ordained certain laws for the survival and freedom of the human race during the course of human history. Anarchy exists when segments of nations ignore these laws. The laws of divine establishment provide the freedom to fulfill the divine

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plan as ordained in the divine decrees under many types of government.

- B. The Laws of Divine Establishment are designed and directed toward both believer and unbeliever.
- C. They operate from the fall of man to the second advent, and in the millennium with some modifications in compatibility with perfect environment, that will exist in the Millennium.
- D. These laws directly effect freedom, civilization, authority, evangelism, spiritual growth, and perpetuation of the human race. They are as important to us as is the law of gravity (since they are designed by God and vital to our spiritual growth, we will examine them).
- E. The Laws of Divine Establishment define freedom in terms of privacy, property and authority. There is no such thing as the enjoyment of life or freedom without authority. All systems of freedom function under authority. (This will be vital to our study in Colossians 3 of marriage and family.) (This was the genius of Thomas Jefferson in the words in our Constitution of ‘life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’)
- F. Both the privacy of the individual and the function of legitimate authority are necessary for the function of human freedom.
- G. Therefore, the four divine institutions are the basis for the Laws of Divine Establishment: volition, marriage; the family; and nationalism.

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H. God also has divine laws for angels and nature. All these laws are designed to resolve the angelic conflict using an inferior creature, man.

2. Establishment and the divine institutions.

A. Volition.

1. The soul is prepared for us by God. It is the house for human life. The body is the house for the soul. The justice of God imputes human life to the soul and human life resides in the soul forever. (of both the believer and unbeliever) No one can remove human life from the soul. This is the doctrine of human security.
2. We have two sets of laws, establishment (for everyone) and the code of every believer in Jesus Christ under which we are required to function. With both functioning in the believer's life, he/she has the capacity for life, integrity and doctrine to reach spiritual maturity.
3. The soul is made up of self-consciousness, mentality, emotion and volition, the authority of the soul.
4. Human volition must have freedom and privacy for proper function. Your soul has privacy, being hidden in the skull. We must have privacy if we are to exercise our volition. We must have privacy for freedom.
5. Divine establishment provides freedom and privacy for those who do not violate criminal law. Criminals should have no

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freedom or privacy. They have forfeited their right of privacy. (This principle applies to illegal immigrants.)

6. While people are not born equal or live in equality, they must have freedom of choice, the right to live in a free society pursuing a course of action compatible with their own aspirations or lack of the same. You have a right to go as far as your abilities and motivations will take you. No government has a right to destroy your pure motivation by telling you, you are greater than you are, or by providing everything for you.
7. Variation in human ability, both inherent and acquired, does not preclude freedom and freedom of decision in adult persons.
8. All normal persons have the option of positive or negative volition at God consciousness, plus the freedom to accept or reject Jesus Christ at gospel hearing. This is at the foundation of all these Divine Institutions.
9. Freedom is the basis for true evangelism.
10. Freedom of speech and worship are necessary for advancement to maturity. (This is at the heart of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.)
11. Freedom (in society) is the normal sphere of function for the volition of the soul. (Please remember, this in our study of marriage and family.)

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12. Freedom cannot exist without privacy and authority. Therefore, the importance of establishment in human history. Exceptions exist such as slavery in the Roman Empire, where a slave was free to come and go. It is possible to live under slavery, be evangelized and advance to maturity.
13. (Due to the importance of freedom, Satan attacked freedom established by Martin Luther in the Reformation, with the immediate Satanic teachings of Calvin which takes away the freedom of volition and volitional responsibility.)

B. Marriage.

1. Monogamy, a permanent relationship between one man and one woman, is ordained of God to remind mankind that He has from the beginning a design in marriage. Gen 1:26:27, 5:1-2, 2:18-25; 1 Cor 7:2-4. (This is at the heart of Satan's attack with same sex marriage and cohabitating outside of marriage, and prostitution.)
2. When Jesus Christ created Adam, He said, "not good that man should be alone." Therefore, God provided the female. Jesus Christ constructed Adam's helpmate corresponding to him. This relationship, established in the garden was continued after the fall. It has never been cancelled in any generation. It is the most basic and fundamental organization in the human race. (Therefore, under great attack in America, today and will get even stronger in 2019.) Even the

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unbeliever, whose life is a total failure, can have great temporary happiness by marrying the right woman. Eccl 9:9.

3. The analogy to the monogamous relationship and our relationship to Christ is found in Eph 5:26-33.
4. Under the authority of the Laws of Divine Establishment, marital relationship becomes the normal, legitimate expression of human love. I Cor 7:9; I Tim 5:14; Eph 5:22, 23, 28, 33; Heb 13:4.
5. While male and female is the design of marriage, authority is the foundation of marriage. The husband has the authority and there are no exceptions or rationalizations. Violations of a principle do not change the principle. For example, God continues to use the local church no matter how badly it fails. We cannot deny the principle of marriage just because we've made a bad marriage.
6. Marriage is one of the greatest areas of mistakes in life because of emotion and rebellion against authority. You have to be rational in initiation and response.
7. Marriage is the basis for stability in society and the formation of civilization. (This is why it is under such attack today as part of the plot to bring America down. Abomination and immorality are at the core of destroying marriages in America.)
8. Marriage rejects the theory of revolution, anarchy, promiscuousness or communal living. It is the protection for

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the home where the parents exercise authority over the children.

C. Family.

1. Physical birth and the imputation of human life plus the imputation of Adam's original sin, finds the human baby both helpless and hopeless. Condemnation occurs immediately. Therefore, personal sins don't condemn us and are free to be imputed to our Lord along with Adam's Original Sin. When we believe in Christ, +R is imputed to us and we now have a purpose in life, the imputation of blessing to that +R, which glorifies God. Now that we are believers sanctified in Christ, the Laws of Divine Establishment give us freedom to exercise our positive volition toward doctrine, so that we can develop the capacity for these blessings.
2. God has provided certain divine laws, such as parents, to protect, care, nourish, provide, train and discipline the children to prepare them for life.
3. Parental authority is the way of preparing children for a normal life. Permissiveness destroys this. There must be recognition of authority and orientation to certain principles in life. (like morality and responsibility)
4. The highest expression of parental love is to teach through the forms of discipline. Children must be trained to respect the privacy of others, their property and the property of

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others, the rights of others, not to abuse freedom and to have respect for authority. (Think of this short list and how few of our young people are being taught and trained under these principles of freedom.)

5. Adjustment to life and orientation to circumstances demand authority training. Parents must teach poise, manners, objectivity, respect for police, patriotism, willingness to serve to protect freedom.
6. Christian parents must also evangelize and provide pre-doctrinal training for their children. Deut 6:6-9, 7:9.
7. It is the responsibility of parents to instill respect for the Word of God, the teaching of bible doctrine, plus recognition of authority of the pastor teacher. This is a spiritual responsibility over and above the establishment responsibility. (So many parents like to run down the pastor in front of their children. The problem is, they often get over it and desire to keep coming and learning, but not their children. They remember what you said.)

D. Nationalism.

1. If the entire human race were under one rule prior to the Millennium, it would self-destruct. Internationalism (Globalization) is viewed as being evil by the Word of God.
2. To perpetuate the human race and bring history to its logical conclusion God has designed this institution to protect the freedom and rights of X number of people on this planet. We

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call this nationalism. Only one language should be recognized in a nation. (Each nation has its own culture. What is happening in America today with its immigration is an attack on our culture and is bringing down our culture, which politicians, teachers and the media, all desire.)

3. With the divine judgment of the original United Nations at the tower of Babel, the human race was then divided into nations. This division was originally based on racial, geographical and linguistic norms. (which established the development of cultures)
4. As the human race continued in history, true racial distinctions were obliterated in the rise of civilization. Thus, racial purity is a myth except in pristine areas. Race is used by politicians to create false issues.
5. Formation of the Jewish nation set up the perfect standard of what a national entity should be. (And the first five books (the Mosaic Law, Torah) set the structure of how a nation should be conducted.)
6. The Biblical proof that nationalism is authorized by God is found in Gen 10:5; Deut 32:8; Acts 17:26-28.
7. All nations who follow the norms and standards of divine establishment possess the following characteristics:
 - a. Interior protection of freedom through a proper system of law enforcement, juris prudence: a system of law whereby a person is innocent until proved guilty, only

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proper testimony is allowed, no hearsay is permitted, and double jeopardy does not exist.

- b. The exterior protection of freedom through a strong well-prepared military.
- c. A government of whatever category which protects the freedoms and rights of its citizens without interfering with those rights by the illegal use of power.
- d. An economy based on free enterprise and capitalism. Labor has no right to dictate the policy of management. Smart management always takes good care of its workers. Government, labor, or criminals do not have the right to superimpose their policy on management. The separation of business and state is essential to capitalism. (Our government is very big on separation of Church and State – to the point of being evil; but not big at all on separation of business and State)
- e. There must be a system of common law which prohibits crime and thereby protects the freedom, rights, life and property of individuals. There must be a system of law which does not overstep the law by using the law to try to solve social problems. Law, therefore, must always be objective. Subjective distortion of the law uses legislation to invade individual rights, to steal personal property, and to erode human freedom, all in the name of the common good.

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- f. There must be a common culture which reflects the spiritual life, morality, the esprit de corp, nobility, patriotism, and integrity of a nation through the literature, art, music and drama. (Illegal immigration going on in America is destroying the American culture, which is exactly what the globalization leaders and media of this country desire. Change the language, change the culture and you destroy the nation.)
- g. There should be a system of government which functions under its power without abusing its power to destroy freedom and establishment. An administrative body to represent the functions of taxation, law enforcement, honorable juris prudence, maintenance of the military, enforcement of law and order without the destruction of human freedom. All of this is designed by God so people can hear and believe in the gospel.

3. Establishment and Evangelism.

- 1. None of these things would be meaningful without the principle that establishment is designed to evangelize where positive volition exists and to protect where negative volition exists. (God designed the Laws of Divine Establishment for the proclamation of the gospel so that everyone who desires to hear the gospel and believe in Jesus Christ has the freedom and environment to do so, and those who refuse to believe in Jesus Christ are protected.)

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2. A system of mutual authority which protects individual self-determination must have separation of church and state.
3. As long as a government allows religious freedom and self-determination, such a government fulfills its establishment norms. Therefore, the separation of church and state becomes a basic standard for human freedom. (The entire ideology of Islam is that there is no separation of State and Islam. The thinking of separation of Church and State is predominately Christian. Mohamad was not only the religious head but also the head of state. In none of the writings of Islam is there even a hint of freedom of religion from the state. Where Islam is the primary religion, Islam is the rule of politics and Shari'ah Law is the governing legal system, a jurisprudence that does not recognize freedom of individual rights and privileges. Throughout history civilizations were the combination of the State and Religion. Both Roman emperors and Pharaohs of Egypt claimed to be gods. Only Christianity ushered in the idea of separation of Church and State to give the citizens the freedom of choice in religious matters.)
4. Divine institutions and the Laws of Divine Establishment are designed to protect human freedoms for the purpose of true evangelism.
5. Freedom to accept or reject Jesus Christ without pressure put on by anyone. Unbelievers must be free to accept or reject the gospel without coercion or punishment.

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6. The state must never adopt an official religion supported by taxpayer's money. All religion should be free from taxation and never be supported by taxes.
7. A person's relationship with God or lack of it should be a matter of privacy and personal choice.

4. Establishment and Christianity.

This relationship is found in Rom 13:1-7. By fulfilling your function as a believer, you do more for your country than anyone else.

(Jesus Christ clearly taught the separation of Church and State in such passages as Matt. 22:21, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God, the things that are God's." And Peter in I Pet 2:13-14, "Subordinate yourselves.... to every human institution." And a clear study of Rom. 13 shows the relation between a Christian and the government he lives under. You became an establishment person the day you believed in Christ. (Col. 3:17 everything if you do in word or deed do in the name of Jesus Christ.)

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In getting ready for our study on Marriage and Family and the stability of a culture, which continues next Sunday in Colossians 3:18-25, I highly recommend the following books. If you know of another one that is extremely important to this study, please let me know. (These are listed in alphabetical order by authors.)

First 22 pages of 'Witness': Whittaker Chambers

Global Peace: Dave Hunt (any book written by Hunt)

Understanding the Times: David A. Nobel

Knowing God: J.I. Packer

The Victory of Reason - How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success: Rodney Stark