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Psalms 2:1, “*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*”

I Timothy 2:1-2, “*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men; ²For kings, and [for] all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*”

I Peter 2:17, “*Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.*”

Even just casually glancing at the news or social media, you see people raging nonstop. They rage about the president, government authorities, and others in power. They rage about wanting sin promoted in all aspects of life. It’s not enough that they have their way with sin being accepted. They want us to embrace and accept it as well. Of course we never will accept anything that goes against the word of God. God will never accept it, and we must not either.

If a leader even slightly says something that might be against sin or says something that people don’t like, they rant and rage nonstop.

Even this is against what the Bible teaches is our duty. We are not to rage and be outspoken against our leaders. We are to be the opposite. The Bible tells us a few things we are to do toward our leaders. None of these are ranting, raging, and raving. Whether it be a president, king, or prime minister, as Paul told Timothy, “all that are in authority.”

1. **Supplications, prayers, and intercessions.** I grouped these together because the meaning of each word is similar, but with subtle differences. A supplication is a request or entreaty to God. We are to pray for those in authority. We pray for their protection, wisdom, and that they will make decisions that will lead us closer to the LORD as a nation. An intercession is to go between. We are to be the ones who go to the LORD on their behalf in prayer. We need to pray often for our leaders in this nation and throughout the world.

2. **Giving of thanks.** This is to be done for all men. The next verse tells us the giving of thanks also is to be for kings and all that are in authority. This can be from the highest leader in the world to a local authority.

The reason is given for these prayers and giving of thanks. It’s so we can have a quiet and peaceable life. When people rant and rage and call for the ouster of a leader, they are actually seeking the opposite of what they desire. They are leading to turmoil and tribulation. We want peace, and the way to do that is to pray for and give thanks for our leaders.

3. **Honor the king.** Peter said we are to honor the king. This certainly applies to any national leader. When one rants and rages against our president, or any authority, they are not honoring the king.

Let’s also do our part not to get caught up in this. When you see posts on social media, there is no reason to respond to such ranting. You only fuel the fire. As Psalm 2:1 says, People rage and imagine a vain thing.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Jean Coffey, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Beulah Baker, Louise Greer, Archie & Judy Manning, Shirley Edwards** and **Joanna Lock** were both

dismissed from rehabilitation a few days ago and are now home.

—Congratulations to **Anthony & Rachael Riffle** on the birth of **Anthony Michael Riffle Jr.** He was born September 18 and was 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 19" long.

—We plan to return to all services at the building on October 4.

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What is the vain thing they imagine? They imagine for their ranting and raving they are doing good. They imagine they will accomplish their goals that perhaps include “normalizing” sin. Even if they do for a few years, their efforts are but in vain. Sin will not last. The word of God is eternal.

Our best thing to do in response to such is simply to say nothing and to pray for them that they will come to a knowledge of the truth. Proverbs has so much written about the wisdom of saying nothing. Space here does not permit, but here are a few verses that show us the wisdom of saying nothing.

Proverbs 13:3, “*He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: [but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*”

Proverbs 18:7, “*A fool's mouth [is] his destruction, and his lips [are] the snare of his soul.*”

Proverbs 21:23, “*Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.*”

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

Classes	--	--
Preaching	14	Leviticus 1 & 10
Contribution	\$718.00	
Evening	--	Mark 6:1-30

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Classes	--	Isaiah 46:1-13
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Visitors— Sep 13 (AM) Jean Philpott (Cub Run, KY)

Bible Quiz

What did the LORD declare from the beginning?

Last Week's Answer— Returned her to life (Mark 5:42)

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There are numerous passages in Proverbs as well as other books that show us the wisdom of saying nothing. No matter the context and situation, we will never regret saying nothing, and simply praying for those involved.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)