

12. After their miraculous deliverance, what did Nebuchadnezzar say?

"Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the _____ of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed- nego, who hath sent His angel, and _____ His _____ that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not _____ nor _____ any _____, except their _____ God." **Daniel 3:28**

NOTE: By preserving these men in the fire, and thus changing the king's word, God was demonstrating before all the world, through this greatest of then-existing earthly kingdoms, that with the question of **religion civil governments** can of right have nothing whatsoever to do; that religion is a realm outside the legitimate sphere of civil authority; and that every individual should be left free to worship, or not to worship, according: to the dictates of his own conscience. The lesson to be learned from this is that, although ordained of God, civil governments are not ordained to direct or oppress men in religious matters.

13. How only did the envious princes and rulers under King Darius conclude that they could effect the downfall of Daniel?

"Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him _____ the ____ of ____." **Daniel 6:5**

14. To this end, what decree did they prevail upon the king to make and sign?

"That whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, _____ of _____, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions." **Daniel 6:7**

NOTE: Unlike the decree of Nebuchadnezzar, this decree forbade the worship of the true God, and was therefore in direct conflict with the first commandment, which forbids the worship of any other than the true God. Like it, however, it was religious and persecuting in character.



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1. Who should be subject to civil government?

"Let every _____ be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God." **Romans 13:1**

2. By whom are the powers that be ordained?

"The powers that be are ordained of _____." **Romans 13:1**

3. What does one resist, who resists civil authority?

"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth *the* _____ of _____; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." **Romans 13:2**

NOTE: "That is, they who rise up against *government itself*, who seek anarchy and confusion, who oppose the regular execution of the laws. It is implied, however, that those laws shall not be such as violate the rights of conscience or oppose the law of God."- **Dr. Albert Barnes, on Romans 13:2**

4. What do the Scriptures indicate as the proper sphere and legitimate work of civil authority?

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the _____. . . . If thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a _____ to _____ wrath upon _____ that doeth _____." **Romans 13:3-4**

5. For whom is law made?

"Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but *for the* _____ and _____." **1 Timothy 1:9**

6. How are Christians admonished to respect civil authority?

"Put them in mind to be _____ to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work." **Titus 3:1.** "Submit yourselves to every _____ of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. . . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." **1 Peter 2:13-17.** "For for this cause pay ye _____ also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their _____: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." **Romans 13:6-7**



7. In what words does Christ show that there is another realm outside of Caesar's, or civil government?

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto _____ the _____ that are God's." **Matthew 22:21**

8. To whom alone did He say worship is to be rendered?

"Thou shalt worship *the* _____ thy _____, and _____ only shalt thou _____." **Matthew 4:10**

9. What decree did King Nebuchadnezzar once make respecting worship?

"To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye _____ down and _____ the golden _____ that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up. And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." **Daniel 3:4-6**

NOTE: This decree was in direct conflict with the **second commandment of God's law**, which forbids making, bowing down to, and serving images. It was religious, idolatrous, and persecuting in character.

10. What answer did the three Hebrew captives, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, return when asked by the king why they had not fallen down and worshiped the golden image, as he had commanded?

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that _____ will not _____ thy _____, nor _____ the golden _____ which thou hast set up." **Daniel 3:16-18.**

11. What did Nebuchadnezzar then do?

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: . . . and he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army; to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to _____ them into _____ fiery _____." **Daniel 3:19-20**

